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WORLD PARLEY CALLED TO STOP FASCISTS

PROCLAMATION!

Gloriosos soldados del V Cuerpo de Ejército

QUINTO, CODO, la ESTACION DE PINA, RODEN, MEDIANA, han caído en nuestro poder.

Millares de prisioneros, de la población civil liberada, de evadidos acogidos en nuestras filas.

Centenares de fusiles, decenas de ametralladoras y fusiles-ametralladoras, cañones y siete mil obuses.

Este es el balance de la labor formidable del V Cuerpo.

Pero a nuestros lados, otras fuerzas de choque atacan conjuntamente.

En el sector de Teruel, en un frente de 23 kilómetros, las fuerzas de la República han avanzado 18 kilómetros de profundidad, conquistando varios pueblos y posiciones importantísimas.

¡ESE ES EL CAMINO DE LA VICTORIA!

Para ayudar a nuestros hermanos del Norte que resisten tan heroicamente a la invasión extranjera.

¡ADELANTE!

¡VIVA EL GOBIERNO DEL FRENTE POPULAR!

¡VIVA EL EJERCITO POPULAR!

Comisariado del V Cuerpo de Ejército.

FACSIMILE of proclamation to soldiers of the Fifth Regiment (the first all-Communist regiment) after the battle of Quinto. Translated, it proclaims:

"Glorious Soldiers of the 5th Division of the Army:

QUINTO, CODO, the STATION at PINA, RODEN, MEDIANA, all have fallen to our power. Thousands of prisoners and a liberated population who have come over to our side.

Hundreds of rifles, tens of machine guns and light machine guns, cannon and seven thousand rounds of ammunition. This is to the credit of the formidable work done by the FIFTH DIVISION. On both sides of us other forces are attacking conjointly. On the Teruel Sector, on a front which extends for 23 kilometers, the forces of the republic have advanced to a depth of 18 kilometers, conquering various towns and very strategic and important positions. THIS IS THE ROAD TO VICTORY!

To help our brothers on the north that are resisting so heroically the foreign invasion: FORWARD! LONG LIVE THE GOVERNMENT OF THE PEOPLE'S FRONT! LONG LIVE THE PEOPLE'S ARMY!

Comisariat of the 5th Division of the Army."

DIARY OF AN AMERICAN IN SPAIN

We Drive Out Fascists As Machine Guns Spit Death

By ADDISON KEELER

SPAIN (on the road to Zaragoza, August 27.

The attack on Quinto commenced in the early morning of the 25th. During the night the Spanish battalion to which we were attached was brought by trucks close to the trenches to the east of the city. On the way we passed many other outfits of the 15th (International Brigade), the Washington-Lincoln, the English, the Dimitroffs, etc.

The truck in which I rode zig-zagged without lights through a maze of mountain roads so that in the end we lost all sense of direction. At one point, however, we were driven very close to the besieged city as I saw a sign on a house "Quinto 8 Kms."

Continually we had to turn out to pass trucks full of ammunition, artillery, and many armored cars and tanks. The sight of so much mechanized equipment on our side was damned encouraging. In general the spirit of the men was excellent, some keyed up and excited but all confident of victory.

We March Back

For some reason, still to be explained, when we had arrived and unloaded men and equipment so close to the lines that we could hear the sharp crack of rifles, the order came for us to march back to Brigade headquarters. The reaction of the men during this forced march away from the lines was interesting. Some were relieved, others sore as hell because at the zero hour they were kept out of the battle.

When we finally straggled into Brigade Headquarters, most of us dog tired (remember we of the light machine gun have to carry the gun and extra ammunition in addition to our customary equipment) the artillery preparation had already started. From trenches on the brow of a hill behind which the artillery was firing we had a good view of the battle.

Ahead stretched a wide flat plain, about 5 kms. from where we were to the outskirts of Quinto. Across this open plain with little natural cover advanced our men. Later I learned that the Dimitroffs and the Lincoln-Washington boys bore the brunt of that dangerous advance. I don't know what the losses were but I do know that they

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LOS ANGELES COMES IN WITH BANG; 1600 PLEDGE TO BEAT SAN FRANCISCO

LOS ANGELES—Sixteen hundred progressives and Communist Party members met in Trinity Auditorium here Thursday night and dared San Francisco to meet them in the race to launch a daily Western Worker.

After hearing reports by Al Richmond, editor of the Western Worker, and Paul Cline, Los Angeles county secretary of the Party, the audience backed up its enthusiasm with—

1. Announcement of \$4,224 raised for the daily newspaper, or 34 percent of their quota;

2. Pledge of \$10,000 by November 7, or 75 per cent of quota.

In addition to these startling announcements on the drive for the daily paper, the Los Angeles Membership Committee of the Communist Party wired state headquarters renewal of its pledge to bring 450 new members into the Party by November 7.

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TORIES RAISE WAR CHEST TO SMASH UNIONS

LOS ANGELES—The Los Angeles Chamber of Commerce is raising a "fighting fund" to "put up a real battle" against union labor.

This was disclosed when the Western Worker procured a copy of a letter sent to business men and marked "personal and confidential."

The shake-down appeal was signed by Byron C. Hanna, the Chamber's president. It asked employers to "contribute substantially" and if they are "large employers," to "contribute a reasonable amount each month per employee."

In the letter, unions are referred to as "labor racketeering groups." Seattle, San Francisco and other union towns are spoken of as "Pacific Coast cities which have permitted their communities to be taken over and invisible government set up which is more ruthless than Soviet Russia."

The convincing argument used to panhandle business men is that it would cost them less to fight the unions than to live up to union wage scales and working conditions.

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Mexican and Argentine Labor Asked to Declare Douglas Airplanes 'Hot'

LOS ANGELES — Organized labor in Mexico and Argentina has been asked to declare Douglas airplanes as "hot cargo" until the Northrop Aircraft strike is settled, by C. H. Jordan, secretary of the CIO Industrial Council.

Predict Boycott On Japan as China Aggressor

DENVER—World War danger in most concrete form shook the 37th convention of the American Federation of Labor last Thursday like the 1906 earthquake shook San Francisco.

The most conservative gathering in the history of American labor was blasted from its complacency and well-fed security by a militant message from J. C. Little, the fraternal delegate sent by the British Trade Union Congress, calling for united action by labor against "aggressor nations, for collective security, for world peace."

These were almost the exact words of Joseph Stalin's famous speech to the 7th World Congress of the Communist International.

A cablegram from Sir Walter Gellie, secretary of the British Trade Union Congress, reiterated the proposals in Little's speech.

Delegate Calloran at once hit the floor moving unanimous approval of both recommendations. AFL President William Green notified the convention that the Committee on International Relations would handle this and bring recommendations back to the body.

There is not the slightest doubt of concurrence in the request of British labor.

This is one of those great historic moments when labor forgets differences, and it may be the basis for unity in action to boycott Japan for its undeclared war against China, for united action on sanctions for stoppage of shipments to aggressor nations.

The convention incident Thursday was of the highest significance to Pacific Coast labor.

Tories In Meet Kill First Try for Democracy
By WILLIAM F. DUNNE
(Special to the Western Worker)

DENVER—The first feeble attempt to promote a little democracy in the convention of the American Federation of Labor here failed. It was snuffed out by the lingering slaughterhouse smell of President Green's speech.

The effort was made by President Mahon of the Amalgamated Assn. of Street & Electric Employees, whose international convention instructed its delegation to introduce certain resolutions favoring industrial unionism in the AFL.

The incident, therefore, had a direct bearing on the main question before the convention. Mahon moved to amend the report of the committee on rules by increasing the number of delegates necessary to force a vote on closing debate from 30 to 100.

Spokesmen for the committee cited ancient precedent and hoary custom and the amendment was defeated.

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TEAMSTERS SPURN MORE STRIKE PLANS

SAN FRANCISCO—Announcement that the Teamster "strike" against waterfront unions was being "continued in Stockton" was greeted by boos and catcalls from scores of teamsters at the regular membership meeting of Local 85 here Thursday.

The officials proposed a four weeks assessment for the "embargo" recently instituted against the waterfront here. The membership again rebelled. A proposal for a three weeks assessment also was overwhelmingly voted down. Finally the membership allowed the officials a two weeks assessment.

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More than 500 Chinese were reported killed by aerial bombing in Kwantung province in the South. Japanese warships in the Whangpoo were hurling high explosives again into the Pootung district, industrial area across the river from the International Settlement.

Answering them, Chinese artillery was blasting Hongkew, Japanese portion of the International Settlement. United States marines and other citizens were in grave danger as the Japanese ships fired volley after volley over the International Settlement in an attempt to destroy Chinese positions in historic Chapei and around the North Station.

A Japanese air raid on northern Kwantung province, however, was reported to have been turned back with severe losses. Although the 36 Japanese planes involved bombed a dozen railway towns and killed approximately 300, it was attacked by a Chinese fleet which shot down eight planes, including two bombers, and drove the remainder off.

FIREMEN SPEED VOTE ON CIO, NAT'L UNITY

Union Gives Full Support To Official Attacked by Parole Board

SAN FRANCISCO — Marine Firemen of the West Coast will begin voting on affiliation to the CIO and on participation in the January 17 national maritime union conference, on October 14. Balloting will end on December 14.

Ballots on the first CIO vote were declared "illegal" some time ago by former Secretary Ferguson and a small clique since repudiated by the union membership.

At the MFOW meeting here Thursday night the rank and file pledged fullest support to Robert Fitzgerald, secretary pro-tem, whose right to hold the office has been challenged by the State Board of Prison Paroles. Fitzgerald is one of the Modesto Boys, framed and sent to San Quentin in 1935 at the instance of Standard Oil of California. He is now on parole.

Expels Disruptor
A committee probing charges against two AFL factionalists, Jack Tennant and H. Mulderig, recommended expulsion of both, whereupon Tennant became so disruptive the membership had to expel him from the meeting.

Sentiment of the membership was again expressed when someone moved a vote of confidence for V. J. Malone, former Port Committee man and a member of the clique that formerly held control. The motion was voted down by a substantial majority.

A slate of progressive candidates for all union offices was nominated at Thursday's meeting. Elections are to begin in the near future.

peace and put the war-like nations on the spot. It was a strong statement of policy in view of Hearst's and Jingoists in this country who on the surface declare they are opposed to war but behind the scenes work for war."

In San Francisco, labor and liberal leaders were hearty in their praise of President Roosevelt's historic foreign policy speech in Chicago Tuesday.

"He took a pretty courageous position," declared Harry Bridges, Pacific Coast regional director of the CIO. "In view of the world set-up Roosevelt's stand should show the way to world

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Dictator's Son Flees As Peace Talk Hits Fascists

LOYALISTS GAIN IN ARAGON PROVINCE; CHINA COUNTERS JAPANESE AIR RAIDING

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MADRID—Loyalist troops began a direct offensive on Jaca, strategic fascist-held town near the French frontier on the Aragon front, while at the same time they extended their lines in the general offensive throughout the region it was reported Thursday.

Capture of Jaca would virtually clear a new road to the French frontier over which supplies are expected to be shipped on a large scale in the event of the opening of the frontier.

Hand to hand fighting was in progress on the outskirts of the town.

At the same time the government opened a drive against Sabanaigo, 10 miles east of Jaca.

A new shelling shook Madrid. Government sources here learned that Bruno Mussolini, son of the Italian dictator who participated in the Ethiopian bombing, had led the squadron of Italian bombers that killed some 35 people in Valencia last week and left a mass of debris from ruined buildings. The air attack had been launched directly from Rome.

Dispatches from Salamanca said that General Francisco Franco, admitting he sought to prevent American hostility, had pardoned the American aviator Harold Dahl who had been fighting for the Loyalists.

Vittorio's Visit Recalls Role in Massacre of Ethiopia

Vittorio Mussolini left California suddenly Wednesday night. Despite denials that he was recalled by his father after President Roosevelt's appeal for collective action against aggressor states, the young fascist gave no other reason for his precipitous departure other than "finishing business."

Yet from Hollywood come reports that the callous youth Blackshirt who boasted of how he led a squadron of planes to destroy Addis Ababa met anything but a cordial reception

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Answer With Bombs
Japan, also contending it was guilty of no aggression and hence could not be the one accused, answered with the bravado of a new wholesale bomb attack on Chinese cities. From Rome, following the State Department's action, came the semi-official statement in Mussolini's "Popolo

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SITUATION AT A GLANCE
WASHINGTON—U. S. Government prepared to participate in Nine-Power conference.

NANKING — Chiang Kai-shek applauded President Roosevelt's speech as gratifying to China and all weak nations.

TOKYO — Japan announced defiance of any objection to its role in China.

Mass Meeting Called Against Anti-Picketing Ordinance

East Bay, L. A. Build Support to Negro Congress

State C. P. Urges That Organizations Send Delegates to Second Meeting in Philadelphia October 15-17

The East Bay Council of the National Negro Congress and the Los Angeles Council have issued calls to all organizations affiliated to those bodies and to all other organizations working for complete liberation of Negro people, to send delegates to the Second National Negro Congress at Philadelphia October 15, 16 and 17. The local councils are also raising funds.

WHERE TO GO

IN CALIFORNIA

LIST YOUR PARTIES, AFFAIRS, MEETINGS

15c a line cash with copy

ATTENTION, AFFAIR COMMITTEES! Place the dates of your affairs with Western Worker Co-ordination Committee to avoid duplication.

Affairs for the Daily "Western"

San Francisco

Laundry and Cleaning Branch. All day restaurant. Noon to midnight. Sun., Oct. 17, 1848 Pine St. Tickets 35c.

Halloween night party Saturday, Oct. 30, by YCL, 121 Haight street.

Sunday, Oct. 31st, 6 p. m. at 506 10th Ave. (nr. Anza), 20th Anniversary Russian Dinner and Program. Daily Western Brigade No. 1.

Grand October Revolution Celebration, Sat., Nov. 6, Dreamland Aud. Clarence Hathaway, editor Daily Worker, main speaker.

Thanksgiving Party and Dance, Wednesday, Nov. 24, 8 p. m., 121 Haight St. By S. F. Industrial Section.

Three days Grand Fiesta, Dec. 31, 1937, Jan. 1, 2, 1938, by S. F. County Committee.

East Bay

Trade Union Party, benefit Daily Western Worker, Saturday, Oct. 9, 8 p. m., Fernin Hall, 538 24th St., between Grove and Telegraph, Oakland.

Los Angeles

"IS THE SINO JAPANESE WAR OUR AFFAIR?"—Hear Paul Cline, Thursday, October 14th, at 224 So. Spring St., Room 200. Admission free. Auspices 44th Assembly District, C. P. To raise funds for the Western Worker.

Other Affairs

San Francisco

Congress Dance Oct. 16, Yosemite Hall, 110 Page St. Adm., 40c. Am. League Against War and Fascism.

Sukiyaki Dinner, 35c. Coffee and cake free, 2109 Geary, Sat., Oct. 9 at 6 p. m., 22nd Assembly District Club.

Benefit dance for Defenders of Spanish democracy, ILWU Ship Sealers, Druids Temple, 44 Page St., Sat. night, Oct. 23. Admission—Gentlemen, 30c; ladies free. Union music.

Dance to be held at 779 Vallejo St., Sat., Oct. 30th, 8 p. m. Adm., 25c. Auspices, Alaska Cannery Branch No. 5.

Los Angeles

Mass meeting at the Philharmonic Auditorium, Wed., 8:30 p. m., Oct. 13th. The three fighting Flaherty Brothers. Auspices Friends of the Abraham Lincoln Battalion. Tickets on sale at 333 West Second St., Room 616, phone MI. 7926.

Mass meeting, three Flaherty Brothers, from Lincoln Battalion. Masonic Temple, 234 So. Brand Blvd., Glendale, Oct. 15 (Friday), 8 p. m. To be accompanied by premier showing of "9 Day With the Lincoln Battalion."

Pullman Porters' Grand Victory Ball, Elks Auditorium, 3616 Central Ave., Thursday, October 21st. Howard Patrick's "Rhythm Boys." Auspices of International Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters. Charles L. Upton, President, W. B. Holland, Secretary-Treasurer. Admission, 40c.

East Bay

Mass meeting, celebration 20th anniversary Russian Revolution. Speaker, Clarence Hathaway, Editor Daily Worker of New York. Civic Auditorium, November 5th 8 p. m.

GOLDBLATT AND ANDERSON TO SPEAK SUNDAY

Mrs. January and Nugent Endorsed as Candidates Of Honest Gov't

SAN FRANCISCO — A mass meeting to arouse San Francisco's citizenry against the proposed anti-picket ordinance will be held Sunday, Oct. 10, at 8 p. m., at Scottish Rite Auditorium, it was announced here by the Honest Government Committee.

The same meeting will serve to introduce Honest Government's completed slate of four candidates for supervisor.

George R. Anderson, labor attorney, and Lou Goldblatt, Northern California director of the CIO, will speak on the proposed ordinance.

Admission is free. In addition to prominent speakers, the film of the Chicago massacre will be presented.

Two New Candidates Placed on Slate

Mrs. January and Nugent were endorsed for supervisor by the Honest Government Committee at its meeting held Tuesday night, and will be introduced Sunday night at the Scottish Rite Auditorium mass meeting along with George Anderson and Supervisor McSheehy who had been endorsed earlier.

Russell A. Powell, chairman of the committee, announced that its candidates' investigating committee had studied the records of all 22 candidates in the race before completing its choice.

"In the case of Herbert Nugent," said a spokesman, "we find that he is widely known and that he is sponsored by the Workers' Alliance of America."

We feel that as such he is the choice of the WPA workers and that they and the progressive organization which represents them should have representation on the board of supervisors.

Mrs. January Endorsed By Progressive Women

"In examining the record of Mrs. January, we also find that her stand has been consistently progressive. We believe that the women of the city as the main representatives of the consumers should also have representation. Her stand on the anti-picketing ordinance is in line with that of our committee. She became a candidate only on the urgent request of various women's and other civic organizations in which she has played a prominent role."

PICKET LAW HIT IN COURT

Honest Gov't Leadership Bring Court Action

SAN FRANCISCO — Pointing out that the right to picket peacefully is guaranteed by both the United States and California constitutions, representatives of the Honest Government Committee Friday sought an injunction restraining certain persons from placing an anti-picketing ordinance on the November ballot.

Hearing was held in Superior Judge Elmer Robinson's court at the Hall of Justice. Plaintiffs were John Pugh and Russell Powell, chairman and vice chairman, respectively, of the Honest Government Committee. The complaint is directed against Mayor J. C. Collins, registrar of voters, John J. O'Toole, city attorney, the City and County of San Francisco, and three John Does.

Hits Working Class

The complaint cites the fact that the proposed ordinance would be class legislation, directed solely against the working class and therefore would be contrary to the fourteenth amendment of the United States Constitution.

Plaintiffs are represented by the law firm of Gladstein, Grossman and Margolis.

Both CIO and AFL forces are fighting the ordinance, which is one of the most drastic ever proposed and would prohibit picketing entirely, if enforced.

The city planned to fight the injunction on the grounds it would not apply since the constitutionality of the proposed measure could be tested after it had been passed.

CIO Issues Charter To Inland Boatmen

SAN FRANCISCO—The Committee for Industrial Organization has announced in Washington the issuance of a charter to the Inland Boatmen's Union of the Pacific, with 2700 members. District headquarters of the IBU here stated a provisional charter had been received, with the full charter to follow changes in constitution and other details.

MASS LAYOFF FROM RELIEF AIDS GROWER

Refusal to Leave Families Used as Grounds for Denying Relief

By GEORGE ALAN

SACRAMENTO — Governor Merriam's recent promise to the scab growers that he would furnish them with a supply of cheap labor from the relief rolls materialized in a mass lay-off October 2 in Sacramento.

Without knowing their cases were closed, the people called for their checks. By 10 a. m. over 120 were told: "Your case has been closed by the accounting department. You evidently refused a job at the employment office." It is estimated that 200 were turned penniless by noon.

Men Were Ill

Men who were ill, old men hobbling with rheumatism, men with large families and men inexperienced at farm work had been asked to accept harvest jobs in other counties, too far from home to commute. The growers "who needed men to save their crops," were those who had been consistently boycotted by the regular agricultural workers because of poor housing facilities, poor food and water and miserable pay.

The Western Worker correspondent interviewed 21 of those men as they later came away from the SRA office, having been told there why their cases were closed.

Of these, eight had not been offered jobs by the Employment Service. They had simply been asked if they had a camping outfit. Then the Employment Service reported "job refused because he has no camping outfit."

Seven had refused to leave the county because they were under treatment at either the county or city clinic. Four had refused to leave their families to work for board and room and a few cents per day. Two were old men over 60 years of age who had never worked on farms in their lives.

It is reported reliable, but unquotable source, that the Sacramento episode is the signal for mass relief cuts all over the State during the month of October.

Womens Commission To be Formed in L.A.

LOS ANGELES — All women members of the Communist Party in Los Angeles County, are called to the special membership meeting and conference, Sunday, October 10, 2 p. m., at 546 1/2 S. Spring Street on the third floor. Men of the party are also invited to attend.

The meeting is called by the County Committee to form a

Hathaway to Talk In Big L. A. Hall

Olympic Auditorium Secured for First Time for November 7th Meeting

LOS ANGELES—With Clarence Hathaway, editor-in-chief of the Daily Worker, scheduled as principal speaker, arrangements were begun here last week by the Communist Party for the November 7th celebration of the 20th Anniversary of the Russian Revolution.

To be held in the Olympic Auditorium, largest indoor arena in this city, the meeting is scheduled to attract close to 10,000 persons. According to reports, it will be the largest and most colorful meeting ever held here by the Communist Party.

Defeat Intimidation

Indicative of the growing prestige of the Party, a signed contract for the rental of the Olympic was obtained after several weeks of negotiations. For years police "Red Squad" intimidation of large auditorium owners has forced Communists to hold their meetings in halls of limited seating capacity.

Strong opposition to the use of the auditorium by the Communist Party came from Harry Chandler, publisher of the Los Angeles Times, vociferous mouthpiece for open shop interests in Southern California. Chandler owns a large interest in the hall and vigorously opposed attempts by the Party to secure it for its meeting.

Schneiderman on Program

Schneiderman will present William Schneiderman, California State Secretary of the Communist Party; Leo Gallagher, noted labor attorney at present in the Soviet Union, and an impressive pageant entitled "Lenin Lives."

A member of the Central Committee of the Communist Party, Hathaway has played a leading role in the building of

They Headed Labor's Slate



JUDGE GLENN L. PATTERSON



JUDGE PATRICK O'BRIEN

LABOR PLACES ON DETROIT FINAL BALLOT DESPITE SPLIT BY AFL TOP LEADERSHIP

DETROIT—Labor's full slate of candidates for mayor and city council will go on the final ballot of the November 2 elections, voters of this city overwhelmingly decided Tuesday.

The labor ticket, sponsored largely by the United Automobile Workers and other CIO unions, won its positions on the final ballot in the face of a split by the reactionary leaders of the AFL Central Labor Council, who withdrew from the slate and endorsed former Mayor John W. Smith.

Despite this split, Labor Candidate Patrick H. O'Brien polled 99,129 votes, placing second to City Clerk Richard W. Reading, candidate supported by the reactionary forces of the city. Reading got 137,984 votes. The AFL candidate and two others were eliminated from the final ballot.

All five of labor's conciliant candidates, leaders of the Automobile Workers, placed on the ballot. They are Maurice Sugar, attorney for the union; Richard T. Frankenstein, vice president; Tracy Doll, president of the Hudson local; Walter Reuther, president of the West Side local; and R. J. Thomas, vice president. Sugar placed highest, his vote being surpassed only by incumbents.

A campaign employing union publications, union meetings and radio was utilized for the primary victory and will be extended in the campaign prior to November 2. At the same time, the campaign will be intensified to draw the support of AFL unions whose leaders split the primary campaign.

Womens Commission, Adele Young will preside. Catherine Perry will give the report on the work outlined by the County Committee. The County Executive Committee will send a speaker.

Women artists have worked diligently on portraits of Communist women leaders of international fame and esteem, to be used for this occasion.

Recruits Fifteen

Runnig Huff an up-and-coming second among the individual recruiters is King County section organizer Al Bristol, with 15 to his credit.

At the Builders' Conference there were such examples of determination as the Portland longshoremen's unit pledging to double its membership; the Seattle Newspaper unit announcing its goal of 10 fulfilled, and adding 5 more to the goal; the brand new building service workers' unit recruiting eight members, and similar inspiring examples.

Tenant Farmers Join CIO Union

WASHINGTON — Raising the membership of the United Cannery, Agricultural, Packing & Allied Workers of America to about 100,000, the Southern Tenant Farmers' Union has affiliated with the CIO union, announced Donald Henderson, its president.

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BAY COUNCIL OF MARITIME FEDERATION URGES LABOR TO BOYCOTT COMMUNITY CHEST

Refusal of Aid to Recreation Center Condemned as Indication of Anti-Labor Influence

SAN FRANCISCO—Boycott the Community Chest and make all charitable contributions directly to worthy causes. This appeal was forwarded to all San Francisco labor by the Maritime Federation District Council No. 2, denouncing the refusal of the Chest to grant any assistance whatever to the Union Recreation Center.

The refusal is paralleled by the Chest allotment of \$14,000 annually to the Seamen's Church Institute which maritime workers have completely boycotted because of its scab herding role.

The Council at the same time denounced the latest move of Chest officials which Director Gus Brown of the Recreation Center declared "merely an excuse to avoid contributing."

The research committee of the Chest, apparently anxious to forestall a labor boycott without giving aid to the Center, announced that Chest funds would be withheld "pending reorganization." The Center had already agreed to meet all demands made by the committee.

The resolution pointed out that the Chest, "even though recognizing the valuable work and making a favorable report after an exhaustive research into the affairs and activities of the Union Recreation Center, did not give the Center needed aid because of anti-labor influence."

Oroville Club Votes for Boycott on Japan Goods

OROVILLE—The General Welfare Club No. 3 of Oroville last week unanimously adopted a resolution declaring a boycott on all Japanese made goods, "inasmuch as the Japanese Government has become one of the most aggressive militaristic nations of the world."

Sacramento Chinese Raise \$150,000 Against Japan

SACRAMENTO—The Chinese people of the Sacramento area have already collected \$150,000 for the fight against Japanese aggression in China.

A Chinese Relief Committee has been established, with Fred K. Fong of 1308 6th St., as general chairman. Reverend Hiram Fong is the English Secretary of the committee.

The Committee intends to ask for aid from the American people as well as from the Chinese.

RIVER PILOTS BEATEN

PORTLAND — Two Columbia River pilots, Hosford and Jacobs, were recently assaulted in their own house by AFL officials "goons."

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We Drive Fascists As Machine Guns Spit Out Death

Americans Watch Dimitrov Brigade Capture Fleeing Mercenaries; Enemies Glad to Surrender

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were amazingly small (a rumor has it that two were killed and seven wounded in the Lincoln Washington) dust of course to the magnificent work of our artillery, tanks and aviation.

We Watch the Attack

A haze of smoke over Quinto hid the town from view most of the time but we could see our shells and the airplane bombs falling in the vicinity of the church and the graveyard which dominates Quinto and in which the fascists had planted machine gun nests. By evening the Dimitrovs had reached the outskirts of the town. The following morning the Dimitrovs and Americans drove on in, breaking down all resistance and occupying Quinto. Two of our comrades were killed by fascists concealed in the buildings so that it was necessary to do considerable bombing to clean out the enemy.

About the middle of the morning (of the 25th) our section was marched across the plain up to the outskirts of Quinto. On the way we were given our first sight of dead on the field of battle, gruesome enough, though as I said before the losses were extremely light. I, personally, counted only three bodies, all of Spanish comrades.

Infinitely cheering was the sight of the hundreds of townspeople, freed at last after a year of oppression under fascist rule. Old men, women and children, in spite of fatigue and thirst, greeted us with smiles and fists raised in the Republican salute. And the prisoners! True they were under guard until the officers and active fascists in their midst should be sorted out but we never saw such a relieved looking crowd of men. Many of them, young fellows and obviously of the working class, shouted "Viva La Republica!" and laughed and joked. Some were wounded and had already received first

aid from our medical service.

We Drive Out Snipers

Our section took over a row of captured fascist trenches just in front of the cemetery and perhaps two hundred yards from the church. The fascists still held this building which was a veritable fortress. Sniping from the church tower they defied every effort to dislodge them. Even intense fire from artillery and tanks failed to stop them. Finally, late in the afternoon, volunteers were called from our section and ten of us went about the job of burning the fascists out with nitro-glycerine bombs. We had to do quite a lot of running to get into position behind the walls that surrounded the church as the snipers were active and the tanks had not quite yet moved up to give us cover fire.

It was exciting all right! You run like a scared rabbit—and you are scared, too, why not admit it? Somehow we got separated into two groups of five, with mine on the town side of the church. The other group performed its job perfectly—under cover of tanks they were able to throw plenty of incendiary bombs through the windows and doorway of the church—and no man was scratched. We fared worse—two of our group being wounded by snipers firing from the town. I helped carry one of the wounded to the ambulance. He's a member of my group and a westerner and he never complained or showed the least indication of the considerable pain he must have suffered. By night fall resistance in the church had been subdued.

In the late afternoon of the same day (26th) the English battalion together with a Spanish battalion moved forward to attack a fascist fortress on a high hill-top to the east of Quinto and controlling an important highway. It was thought that only a handful of fascists remained behind these battlements, but the English encountered unexpected resistance and made camp in trenches on the flank of an opposite hill, awaiting dawn and help from artillery and tanks.

Capture of the Fort

About midnight our company moved up to join them. It was a beautiful moonlight night, the air cool and fresh as we climbed higher on the ridge. We were quickly guided to where lay our English comrades and were able to catch a few hours sleep before the attack.

Just before dawn we advanced to new positions, so quietly that not a shot came from the enemy camp. It was an excellent manoeuvre, well planned and carried out to perfection. At six a.m. while we occupied grandstand seats on the hill side, six of our tanks thrust into sight on the crest of the next hill and opened a terrific fire on the fort. Soon our artillery from the town opened up and to make things still more interesting for the enemy we on the hill cut loose with rifles, machine guns and light machine guns. The fascists replied with machine gun fire from a dozen different nests but shortly after noon when we had made considerable advance under cover fire, they waved the white flag.

To our great surprise as we entered the fort we found and took prisoner over 100 fascists. Most of these, greeted us, literally, with open arms and our comrades responded. I heard one comrade say jokingly, "Say, Pete, I'll bet you never thought a fascist's shoulder." But these were workers, glad to be free from fascist rule and eager to prove their sincerity by joining the Republican army. Only the officers walked silent and downcast.

Fascist Soldiers Role

The fortress which we examined thoroughly looked impregnable. To have taken it with infantry would have cost the lives of many men. But the fascist soldiers, worn out by the severe bombardment and suffering from lack of water committed their officers to surrender the fort.

In the officers' quarters we found much loot taken from churches in towns under fascist control—silver candlesticks, chalices, priests' robes, etc. One officer disguised himself as a peasant and suitcase in hand tried to escape down the mountain side. But the Dimitrovs captured him and brought him back. He participated in the command of Quinto.

Many of us picked up equipment and souvenirs in the captured fort. I came away with a fascist officer's knapsack, some fascist paper money and a 44 automatic which I discarded later as it was ineffective. During the entire attack we lost not more than five men with five wounded.

(To be continued.)

For 100 Per Cent Collection Of the Day's Pay!

The voluntary donation of a day's pay has been voted by 90 per cent of the Party membership in California.

The collection of this pay now is the most important single step to be taken by every branch and unit in the state.

By the decision of the State Plenum held on Sunday, September 26th, a special day's wage stamp has been prepared for membership books. It was also decided that the collection should be carried through by October 16th.

The day's pay from employed comrades will amount to a large part of the \$35,000 Daily Western Worker quota.

And only the Communist Party, out of all the labor and political organizations in the West, is able to make the sacrifice necessary to establish a daily paper that will bring the truth to the broad masses of the people of the West.

Every Communist must understand the necessity to establish such a paper.

Donate YOUR day's pay NOW to the Daily "Western" Drive!

Lead the way in your unit to a 100 per cent collection of the day's pay! By October 16th!

"A day's pay stamp in every employed Party Member's Book."

Soviet Farmers Hail Anniversary of Socialism As Crop Brings Plenty

Modern Farm Machines On Collectives Transform Soviet Peasants Into Industrial Workers

MOSCOW—Twenty years ago, in September and October of 1917, starvation and death stalked the vast countryside of war swept Russia.

Millions of Russian peasants, conscripted into the Tsarist army, were still in muck and blood of the trenches, and were being sent to their death to protect the imperialist interests of the capitalists and landlords who took over the reins of power after the collapse of the outworn Romanov dynasty.

Other scores of millions of peasants labored over the soil of their tiny plots of land to turn out a paltry crop, most of which was seized at once by the tax collectors from the Government and the rent collector from the landlord.

On November 7 of that bleak year, Russia's peasantry swept on by the revolutionary working class under the explosive slogans of "Bread, Peace, Land" marched side by side with their labor allies to overthrow their oppressors.

Builders of Socialism

Today after 20 years of the rule of worker and peasant in the land of the Soviets, the once land-hungry Russian peasant—now a collective farmer and a proud builder of socialism—can take stock of what the October Revolution has brought him.

Some years back he listened, enthralled, to Joseph Stalin's call to the Soviet collective farmers to take the fullest advantage of their newly established collective farms, built against the fiercest kulak (wealthy peasant) opposition, and achieve a harvest of seven to eight billion pounds (between 126,000,000 and 144,000,000 tons) of grain a year.

Then this goal seemed far off, a vision of the distant future; today it is close at hand, meaning unheard-of prosperity for the collective farmer and a bountiful food supply for the entire Soviet population.

During the year of Tsarism, a bumper harvest meant, however, the peasant whose hard hands and brawny body had tilled the earth and reaped the crop would still have barely enough to eke out his existence one more year. But for the merchants and grain profiteers, it was cause for rejoicing, since profits shot up rocket-like and they were enabled to extend and solidify their control over the producing peasantry even more.

Socialism Triumphs

Nowadays, with socialism triumphant throughout the countryside and the individual peasant tilling his own small plot of land a rapidly-disappearing vestige of the past, a splendid harvest such as this year's repre-

sents a major contribution by the collective farms to the wealth of the Soviet people, and assures further successes in the field of socialist industry.

For these great successes the Soviet collective farms pay thanks to the resolute and clear-sighted policy of their party, the Bolshevik Party, built by Lenin and Stalin.

Despite the bitter sabotage of the kulaks and the opposition of the foes of socialist construction in the camps of counter-revolutionary Trotskyism and Bukharinism, the vast number of small individual farms that studded the Soviet landscape were united into big and efficient collective farms working on the progressive basis of socialism.

Where once the horse and the hand plow were the main instruments to work the soil, the collective farms now have at their command a great network of machine and tractor stations which supply the combines, harvesters, and tractors for modern mechanized scientific farming.

In addition many collective farms own themselves the machines used on their land.

This year there are some 100,000 combines working on the collective farm fields, and 356,000 tractors, of which more than 40,000 are equipped with caterpillar treads.

Transformation of Farms

These machines insure that year in and year out there is a bountiful crop, with all "good years" and no "bad years."

A result of this introduction of the machine into rural life on the basis of socialism, predicted almost a hundred years ago by the founders of scientific socialism, Karl Marx and Friedrich Engels, is the gradual disappearance of the contrast between city and village life.

The agricultural worker under socialism is more and more becoming an industrial worker—on a farm.

These new figures on the countryside—the combine operators, the tractor drivers, the brigade leaders—the collective farm chairmen—are the pride of the collective farm movement, and

rank as fully recognized equals with the Stakhanovite heroes of labor in the industrial factories of the Soviet city.

This year's excellent harvest, which is due mainly to the widespread use of modern farm machinery and scientific agricultural methods, is bringing a new wave of prosperity to the Soviet village.

High Farm Incomes

The many million Soviet collective farmers look forward this year to more grain and more money for their "work-days."

The work day is the system devised to insure that each member of the collective farm receives from the collective in proportion to what he puts in—according to the rule of socialism, "to each according to his abilities."

A normal day's amount of work is figured out by each collective farm for itself, and at the end of the agricultural year, after harvest has been reaped, the entire income of the collective farm is divided among its members.

The only other outlay is the grain delivered to the Soviet government in return for credits on farm machinery and the money set aside to finance the cultural and economic life of the collective.

Each collective-farmer receives from the common produce according to the number of work-days he has put in.

Examples of the high incomes this year are to be seen in two typical collective-farms of the Kuibyshev region.

More Manufactured Goods

In the "Ninth of January Collective Farm," each work-day will be recompensed this year by 44 pounds of grain, while in the "Victory Collective Farm" 53 pounds is being distributed per work-day.

In one collective farm of the Vinnitsy district each family will receive between three and a half and five and a half tons of grain.

Many collective farmers of the Kuban region will be given a pood (36 pounds) of grain and

Soviet President



MIKHAIL KALININ

more per work-day this year. Numerous similar examples can be cited.

As a result of the large rural income this year, the demand for manufactured products among the collective-farms and collective-farmers has surged sharply upward.

During the months of July, August and September alone of this year, a huge supply of goods worth more than 500,000,000 rubles (\$100,000,000) was sent into the countryside to meet this demand.

This was more than five times last year's shipments.

Naturally, when the Soviet collective farmer reads in his newspapers about the poverty-stricken existence of the peasants in other lands, it seems to him merely a dim reflection of a long-distant, eternally-condemned past.

Advance Prepared

A just comparison would be with the Polish peasantry. In the Polish countryside poverty and want rule supreme.

Two out of every three Polish peasant families have less than an acre of land for each member of the family.

The collective-farmers of the Soviet Union have, for their perpetual use, received absolutely free 1,000,000,000 acres of land from the Soviet Government.

During the last 12 months alone they were granted an additional 55,000,000 acres by the Soviet State.

About 1,600,000 Polish peasants

Spain Workers Expel Caballero In Unity Drive

La Pasionaria Tells of Achievements of New Government in Appeal for Unity of Workers

VALENCIA—Every parliamentary group in the Spanish Cortes, assembled here for the first time since the start of the war against the fascist invasion, has pledged its full and enthusiastic support to the cabinet of Dr. Juan Negrin.

The meeting of the Cortes was widely regarded as marking the unity of the Spanish people in more compact terms than ever before. Aside from the evidence in the unanimity of the Cortes itself was the simultaneous action of the national committee General Workers' Unit (UGT), largest Spanish federation of trade unions into which a new threat of disunity had been introduced around the actions of Francisco Largo Caballero, former premier.

At the opening of the Cortes, Caballero was removed from his position as floor leader of the Spanish Socialist Party and replaced by a supporter of the Negrin cabinet. Another evidence of the Spanish workers' demand for unity came from UGT's meeting, which removed its entire executive committee, including Caballero.

The national committee since ordered the UGT executive council to continue traditional close relations with the Socialists and cordial relations with the Communists and CNT.

Bureaucracy Charged
The executive council had disregarded instructions of the national committee. It failed to call a meeting of the committee and further violated instructions given by the majority of the UGT unions by maintaining a semi-hostile attitude toward the government and the Socialists.

In the face of an obvious disregard of the wishes of a majority, the greater part of the UGT unions demanded a meeting of the national committee. Thirteen of the unions signing such a petition were expelled by Caballero on the meaningless excuse of non-payment of dues, yet oppression of two years and other difficulties had caused 29 of the 42 UGT unions to default. After the expulsion, 16 other unions joined the 13 expelled, demanding their reinstatement. The national committee finally exercised its constitutional right to convene, and elected a new executive council with an Austrian miner as president. Two of the five officers are former members who had disagreed with the Caballero policy.

In the Cortes itself, Socialists, Communists, Syndicalists, Left Republicans, Right Republicans, Centrists, Catalans and Basques all joined in a unanimous vote of confidence to the government. The speech generally acknowledged to be the most significant of the day, was delivered by Dolores Ibaruri, popularly known as La Pasionaria, who spoke not only for the Communist Party of Spain, but for the United Socialist Party of Catalonia.

Appeals for Reserves
In this speech La Pasionaria made a strong appeal for the development of the nation's reserves to back up its army in the field. Reminding the nation of the experiences of the Soviet Union, she said:

"As soon as the Red Army had accumulated reserves, the nature of the war changed. The Red Army had at its disposal five million men, while the enemy was faced with disaster."

Already, this experience had been utilized to a large extent, she pointed out. When the war came, there was no war industry to speak of. Now:

"We have factories which produce airplanes and people should know this. We have factories turning out munitions which could be enough to supply our army."

Speaking of the sacrifices necessary on the part of workers behind the lines she said: "The government is doing its best to achieve further improvements in this direction. Institutions for workers have already been created, universities have been opened and other work of equal merit has been carried out. . . . As far as the rear guard is concerned, much has been done by the government, but a great deal more remains to be done. This is illustrated by the police reports of continued arrests of enemies of the people."

Urges Unification
She urged, further, that the government make every effort to bring the revolutionary workers

do not own a horse to help pull the plough through the infertile soil.

On the fields of the Soviet collective farms, apart from the millions of heads of horses, there is at work farm machinery with a power equivalent to that of six and a half million horses.

The victory of the Soviet collective farms is one of the mightiest victories in the battle for socialism being led by the Bolshevik Party.

On the basis of this victory and the victories of socialist industry, the Soviet Union can advance confidently toward its Communist goal.

Not only a horse to help pull the plough through the infertile soil.

On the basis of this victory and the victories of socialist industry, the Soviet Union can advance confidently toward its Communist goal.

FRENCH LABOR FACES FIGHT

Tories Try to Turn Public Against Workers

PARIS—It's a toss-up as to what will happen in France's affairs once the autumn season is over and the thousands of visitors now in Paris will have gone back to their respective countries and provinces.

There is suspicious unanimity of opinion in right wing circles that all is calm on the labor horizon. The worker, they say, has gained what he wanted, so what bone of contention can he find now? It is true, they add, that the fall of the franc, the increased cost of living and the slowing-up of production are all due to the raise in wages and the 40-hour week, but they hope the worker will be reasonable and compromise a bit on these hard-fought-for rights.

That attitude is what may cause further trouble. Already there are sporadic strikes throughout the country because agreements are not being lived up to by the employer. Already in many cases the worker has had to accept a so-called temporary 40-or-48 hour week, and his 30 per cent increase in salary is not sufficient to cope with the 50 to 100 per cent increase in food costs. He pays more for his tobacco, his newspaper and his transportation, with probable further increase in these expenses but not in his salary.

The industrialists are at their old game of blaming all the present difficulties and even the recent bombing on the worker. If they can convince enough people that this is true, and if the worker sees no relief for his living problems, an upheaval is bound to take place. Another drop in the franc will surely be the signal for trouble.

According to Fascist opinion, the Popular Front has ceased to exist, but the government does not seem to agree with that. The cantonal elections which are taking place Oct. 10 and 17 are being used as a test of this. All the Fascist leagues have banded together to support any anti-Communist candidate. This is the first occasion on which all the parties of the right have combined against the left, and may be indicative of a future lineup.

Negro Writer Corrects Error in W.W. Article

Frank Johnson, author of several recent articles on Negro problems in Los Angeles, has written to correct an error in fact in his most recent account of the boycott on the South Central Avenue Kress Store there.

The article appeared in the September 30 issue and said "Pettis Perry, organizer of the Goodyear section of the Communist Party, received a suspended sentence."

In the meantime, writes Johnson, the earlier article "California Negro Hearst in Show-down with Staff" is further borne out by later developments. Mrs. Charlotte Bass of the California Eagle has "laid down the law" to her staff, instilling new fear of organization.

HEARST RAG DIES

OMAHA — With the Omaha Bee-News' circulation and advertising sagging badly in recent months, W. R. Hearst has sold the circulation lists and the plant to the World-Herald.

MEXICO BANS OIL TO HITLER

New Fascist Group Attacks Cardenas Reforms

MEXICO CITY—Senator Gudino, president of the National Revolutionary Bloc of the Senate, has proposed the consideration of an immediate protest to President Cardenas against the rumored sale of oil, by the Petromex (the government-owned oil company) to two Nazi officials now in Mexico.

The German emissaries are H. Bentz, a functionary of the Nazi Ministry of Economy, and Erik Eick, manager of the Bank of Dresden, who are reported to have come to Mexico for the purpose of placing large orders for Mexican oil, according to information received from abroad; the senator asserts, the oil is destined, in reality, for the rebels in Spain, and in view of the known friendship of Mexico for the legitimate Spain Government and of the material aid given Spain by the Mexican government, Senator Gudino is demanding that any sale of Mexican petroleum to the Nazi agents be forbidden.

Fascist Groups Form United Front

MEXICO CITY—A group of delegates from numerous molecular political parties and nationalistic organizations, many of which exist only in name, came together in this city on September 9th to form the "Organizing Committee of the Mexican Nationalist Front," apparently as a foil to the Mexican Popular Front, which has for months been in process of gestation.

The purposes of the new organization, are to join with domestic and foreign groups in the struggle against Judaism and Communism, to foment a nationwide sentiment against Communism, and to uphold the Mexican Constitution with respect to labor, agrarian and educational matters in the original terms laid down by the formers of that document in 1917, this last being a veiled attack on the reforms of the Agrarian Code recently promulgated by President Cardenas in connection with the distribution of the henequen plantations of Yucatan, and against the socialist education instituted in 1935.

Like the Mexican Social Democratic Party formed several months ago, the new organization is thus openly fascist in character and made up of disgruntled political "outs," small business men, fanatic Catholics and the local admirers of Hitler, Mussolini and Franco.

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Roosevelt's Peace Call Must Be Echoed in Action

BY EVERY American striving to keep war out of the world and out of the United States, the speech of President Roosevelt at Chicago and the subsequent declaration of the Department of State will be regarded with the warmest welcome.

The President definitely enunciated a peace policy which turns away from the false position of "neutrality" and recognizes that world peace, as well as our own prospect of keeping out of war, depends on collective action to stop those who make war.

If he did not specifically mention Germany, Italy and Japan as the aggressors who must be quarantined by the peace-loving nations, it was nevertheless crystal clear that this was his meaning. Clear to America. Clear to all democratic countries where his speech was applauded. Clear to Germany, Japan and Italy, where the speech was attacked and denounced but concealed from the masses. Clear to Hearst, whose answering attack that the President was "thinking like Woodrow Wilson" coincided almost exactly with the feeble and nervous answer of the Nazis in Germany.

If there was still any mistaking the President, the State Department clarified that by definitely stigmatizing Japan as an aggressor, as a violator of the Nine-Power and Kellogg-Briand Pacts, as one of the war menaces which peace-loving nations must quarantine.

Long ago the Communist Party declared that the unmistakable requirement for peace was collective international action by the peace-loving nations to stop those who are clearly the proponents of war. More than this: The Soviet Union, pursuing a policy based on rallying the democratic forces of the world has worked patiently, brilliantly and powerfully to isolate fascism, to bring the brunt of world democracy against it. In the United States the Communist Party has consistently built support for this same policy. Today when it is enunciated by the Chief Executive of the country it comes as an outgrowth of a mass understanding that world fascism and militarist aggression must be defeated as the only road to peace. At the same time it is an impetus to that understanding.

But Comrade Earl Browder, in a statement on the speech of Roosevelt, has put a solemn warning to the American people:

"Let us have no illusions," he says, "that the mere enunciation of this policy, important as this is, solves the problem. We already saw in the last session of Congress how the President's own party contains important forces which do not hesitate to block and defeat the President's policies."

The action of the Department of State in definitely stigmatizing Japan as an aggressor, a violator of treaties and a menace to peace can be significant only to the extent that appropriate action is organized on the principles enunciated in it.

The mass boycott of every article labeled "made in Japan" must be started immediately. Export of scrap iron and all materials which could aid Japan's aggression must be stopped. Mass meetings must be organized to popularize these demands. Delegations and picket lines must visit Japanese consulates. By the same token, America must end the shameful, even though partial, embargo which interferes with China's obtaining the means to defend itself against this aggression. Turn the embargo against Japan!

The same condemnation and boycott must be applied to Germany and Italy.

More important. Recall that the declaration of President Roosevelt put new courage and vigor into the non-fascist countries of the League of Nations, which immediately and openly condemned Japan. The powerful international repercussions of this one speech are only an indication of the force that can be exerted for peace when peace forces act together.

The United States can be an even more powerful factor for peace if it puts this policy enunciated by President Roosevelt into actual practice by joining the Soviet Union and China in a Pacific Pact of Non-Aggression. The moral and economic force of the United States must be aligned with the Soviet Union in its already brilliant and effective campaign to rally the world front of democracy.

Boycott Japanese goods! Picket the Japanese, Italian and German consulates! For an embargo against Japan! Organize for peace in the world by mobilizing the masses in America behind the President's proposals for Democracy's quarantine of the makers of war!

The Difference Between Minus and Plus

THE American Federation of Labor Convention is in session now in Denver.

The Committee for Industrial Organization is holding a national conference starting Monday, October 11, in Atlantic City.

And the contrast between the two is that of pole to pole, the difference between minus and plus.

In Denver, a convention packed with yes-men for the AFL Executive Council is engaged in destruction. Its program is announced as war on the CIO and war on the National Labor Relations Board—the most reactionary program ever considered by the AFL. The guiding force is William Hutcherson, czar of the Carpenters Union, who was the "labor front" for the Hearst-Liberty League-Landon forces in the 1936 election. And in carrying out this program, President William Green has made thinly veiled and strongly worded pleas for support from the employer interests of America.

As day is to night, so will the CIO conference in Atlantic City be in comparison. Presided over by John L. Lewis, this meeting will canvass the mighty work of organization achieved by the CIO, which has placed it as the largest and most powerful labor center in the country. And it will plan how further to increase the present 3,700,000 membership of the CIO, on the basis of industrial unionism.

The CIO conference will also consider reports on its policies, including cooperation with the working farmers and the middle-class people for mutual assistance, independent political action by labor, the question of labor unity, the fight against fascist forces in America.

The AFL convention is dominated by reaction; the CIO conference will be imbued with the spirit of progress.

It is sharply ironic that at the current AFL convention a feeble attempt to promote a little democracy—to require 100 instead of 30 delegates to move to close debate—was introduced by the ultra-conservative William Mahon, and was defeated.

The irony of Hutcherson, Green, Woll, Frey, Beck & Co. posing as defenders of democracy will not escape the attention of the millions of American workers in the AFL and CIO and those who are yet to be organized.

Honest Unionism vs. Company Unionism, is the Issue

"NO LAW or parole violations are involved. Obviously you are acting as the servant of discredited labor officials and forces hostile to progressive labor. This is a clear case of persecution. Will fight the edict before the bar of public opinion and the courts if necessary."

In a telegram from the Modesto Defense Committee and Z. R. Brown, Maritime Federation District Council No. 2 secretary, the members of the State Board of Prison Terms and Paroles were thus emphatically challenged on their unprecedented ultimatum to Robert J. Fitzgerald either to resign as Marine Firemen's Union secretary pro tem or to return to San Quentin Prison for two years.

George Anderson, Marine Firemen's attorney, also branded the action as flagrant persecution of a man who was one of the nine Modesto Boys railroaded to prison in the infamous Standard Oil frame-up of 1935.

The board's ultimatum clearly shows the line-up of anti-labor forces coalescing against militant, progressive unionism. It shows J. E. Ferguson, ousted and discredited MFOU secretary and his reactionary clique, in a united front with the labor-haters of the Prison Board. When you remember Ferguson was trying to split the Maritime Federation as part of the Teamster officials' dirty work in their recent blockade against the longshoremen and warehousemen, the picture is still more complete.

No reason was stated for the arbitrary order to Fitzgerald; none need be. It is obvious that this is another attack by open-shop forces against the waterfront unions, cooperating with reactionary AFL officials and anti-CIO elements on the waterfront. As in the Teamster officials' blockade, the issue is clearly one of honest, progressive unionism vs. company unionism.

If this latest anti-labor move is to be defeated, every honest union member, AFL and CIO unions, people's organizations generally, must act immediately to protest to the Prison Board along the lines of the Modesto Defense Committee's telegram printed above. The board members are Secretary Charles E. Cox, David F. Bush, Joseph H. Stephens and Fred Esola. Their address is Ferry Building, San Francisco. Let them hear the resounding protest of you and your union.

Victory in Detroit!

IN THE bailiwick of General Motors, near the seat of the Ford Empire, Labor has scored a new and significant victory.

Labor's candidate for mayor of Detroit was nominated for the final ballot, out of a field of five. Labor's five candidates for council were likewise nominated. Labor is on the march to victory in the November 2 elections!

Victory has won in Detroit in spite of the split by reactionary AFL leaders who withdrew from the campaign and set up a rival slate. In the month of campaigning before November 2 the CIO United Auto Workers will appear more vigorously than ever before for the people of Detroit, including the rank and file of labor, to wipe out every vestige of disunity and to put into office the men who will preserve and defend, rather than attack and destroy, the civil rights of the people of Detroit.

THE DAILY WESTERN AND PARTY BUILDING

By WILLIAM SCHNEIDERMAN

William S. Schneiderman, State Secretary of the Communist Party of California, addressed a special plenum of Party functionaries and leaders Sunday, September 26, on the drive to build a daily newspaper and a powerful party on the Pacific Coast. The following statement is a digest of his speech:

Comrades: The subject under discussion today is Party building and the building of the Party Press, in the light of the political tasks we have before us. We have not given enough attention to the key question of how we are going to solve the organizational problems which arise out of the struggles in which our Party is engaged. We find that the decisions of the Central Committee of last June have not yet sufficiently penetrated down below to the membership of the Party—to every last unit of the Party.

We have had a number of achievements in our mass work, which have not been equalled, however, by organizational results. There is a lag recently in recruiting, together with the ever-present problem of membership fluctuation; this organizational lag endangers our political successes, and makes more difficult the carrying through of the immediate tasks ahead of us.

The Party is now entering on the biggest campaign it has ever undertaken, one which will test the Party, in our drive to establish a Daily Western Worker on the Pacific Coast, which means not only to complete a record financial drive, but to make the necessary political and organizational preparations, so that the new Daily can be launched on Jan. 1st.

Side by side with the task of raising finances and increasing circulation, how can we tie in the question of Party building with the Western Worker drive? Why is it, that after several weeks of preparation before Labor Day, we find that in the first three weeks of the Drive, we have such a dangerous lag which reflects a certain amount of passivity among the membership, and also a certain amount of shall we say, self-complacency among leading comrades who do not see the size of the job we have, and think it can be accomplished in the same old way, as past drives were? Why is it, that we have come almost to take for granted the enormous membership fluctuation, which almost eats up the entire Party recruiting in California?

Key to Problem

At the June Plenum of our Central Committee, it was pointed out that at no time in the history of the Party have we worked in such a favorable objective situation. There is a tremendous amount of activity of the masses. The masses are in motion, and, most important of all, the mass movements of the country today, have generally adopted many of the slogans for which our Party fought almost alone, for a number of years. We have the task of not only becoming a part of this united front mass movement, but of broadening it and raising it to a higher level.

This can only be done if we learn how to build the Party in the present situation. To strengthen our connections with the non-Party masses in the united front movement; and conduct our Party work in such a way the masses will recognize the Party and will see our policies being carried out in action, and see our Party members playing the active, leading role that they do; this is the key to the problem.

We are approaching the important 1938 state and congressional elections, and in California as elsewhere, political realignments are in the process of formation. We find that in the labor movement, there is a much greater political consciousness and activity on the outstanding political issues of the day. In the Democratic Party we see the small group of Democratic Assemblymen who made up the progressive bloc in the last State Legislature, have become the nucleus of a growing movement of progressive Democrats who are working for the nomination and election of progressives in 1938.

New Alignment

Then there is the work of the California People's Legislative Conference, which has become a recognized political factor; as a result of the record of the last Legislature, which defeated nearly all labor legislation and did not allow a single progressive measure to be adopted, due mainly to a reactionary Republican State Senate, a movement has arisen, and endorsed by the State Federation of Labor convention, for a unicameral (one-house) legislature elected by proportional representation, which can become a major issue in California in 1938.

We also have the example of Eureka, where a group of unions banded themselves together in Labor's Non-Partisan League, and elected four out of eight candidates in the municipal elections. We can expect in the future, that Labor's Non-Partisan League will take shape throughout the state, drawing in AFL and CIO unions. We have discussed these questions at the top, but it has not sufficiently been brought down below to the membership. In the trade unions, particularly AFL, the movement for independent political action is still very weak. In the municipal elections, San Francisco and Sacramento, we have seen the passivity of the Party organizations which up to the present, only a few weeks before the elections, have not yet been mobilized for a real mass campaign.

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Organization Tasks

We can trace down these shortcomings to the weaknesses in the work of the Assembly District Branches, shop and industrial units, and trade union fractions; a chain is no stronger than its weakest link. It is not enough to participate in a united front movement, but to bring forward the independent role of the party in each neighborhood, in each factory, in each union or other mass organization.

Let us take the issue of the attempted revival of the anti-picketing ordinance in San Francisco, after it was repealed only last May by the voters.

The Party must come forward in this campaign as an active force, not only to defeat the new ordinance but to drive home the necessity for independent political action by labor, by showing how gains made by the trade unions through economic action must be re-inforced by political action.

Then we have to clear up confusion that is created through the distortion of correct slogans. Our fight for a Farmer-Labor Party has taken root, but when some elements among the progressives raise the premature slogan of a third party in the '38 elections, it is our job to make them understand the line of our Party, adopted at the June meeting of the Central Committee, to link the movement for a Farmer-Labor party with the progressive forces in the Democratic party, and against any premature, isolated third party groupings. When the Roosevelt administration utilized the sentiment of the American people to "Keep America out of War" by adopting neutrality legislation which aids the fascist aggressors, we have the task of explaining to the masses how to "Keep America out of War by keeping war out of the world."

Use of "Western"

When the reactionaries attempt to cover up their program behind liberal phrases and distorting American history and traditions, we have to show that our fight for democracy and peace is really following American traditions, and that "Communism is Twentieth Century Americanism."

The Western Worker, properly utilized, can play a tremendously important role in carrying out these tasks. Not only do most of our Party members not utilize it, but a large number do not even read it, as is evident from some of the questions they raise. When it becomes a daily, it will be a hundredfold more effective as an educator, an organizer, and above all a recruiting agent for the Party.

The same thing can be said if we examine our tasks in the trade unions. The Communists are the foremost fighters for the organizing of the unorganized, for industrial unionism, for trade union democracy, and for unity in the labor movement; that is why we wholeheartedly support the building of the CIO.

But this raises a number of problems for us, particularly on the West Coast. The AFL has a strongly entrenched machine in some cities where there are no mass production industries, and where the craft unions are strongly organized, as in San Francisco, they are still the predominant force. The CIO has entrenched itself in the main industries, maritime, lumber, agriculture, oil, auto, aircraft rubber. In some of the smaller unions it has suffered some temporary setbacks. It is now engaged in a crucial struggle with the Teamsters officialdom, which has become the spearhead of the AFL employers drive against the CIO on the West Coast, and the Maritime, agricultural, and lumber unions are bearing the brunt of the attacks. The fight to build the CIO is a fight for labor unity, and this means we have not given up the fight to win the AFL membership to progressive policies.

The Red Scare

After the State Federation of Labor convention, some tendencies existed of dubbing the entire AFL reactionary, giving up the fight in AFL unions, withdrawing from the State Federation and central labor bodies because the leadership is controlled by reactionaries. With the expulsion of the CIO unions from these bodies, the heart was taken out of the AFL progressives, and their fight is of course made more difficult, but the struggle in the AFL unions for unity and for progressive policies must continue, and will only be weakened if progressive AFL unions

withdraw from their central labor bodies and the State Federation.

Then there is the "Red scare." The charge of the employers and AFL Bureaucrats that the CIO is "Communist," and everyone who fights for progressive policies is a Communist. This, of course, is not true and we have to answer it. The Communists are only a small minority; they are not the only progressives. But it is enough to tell the workers that red-baiting is only a subterfuge, and that this or that individual is O. K. because he is NOT a Communist? Is it not necessary to educate the workers that Communists make the best and most loyal trade union builders and fighters? That if an individual IS a Communist, all the more reason why he can be trusted and supported, because his policies are correct?

Beating the Scare

Is it not necessary to pick the time and place when some campaign can get up and say: "Yes, I am a Communist; but I do not stand for what Hearst, or Vandeleur, or Green says I stand for. My membership in the Communist Party does not prevent me from being a good union man; on the contrary, if I weren't a good union man, I couldn't belong to the Party, which is a workers' party having no interests which are not the interests of the working-class."

"We Communists stand for progressive policies in the union, and will work loyally with all honest union members for those policies. We are not out to control or capture the union; we believe in control by the rank and file and in unity, which means that it doesn't matter what political affiliation, what color, what religion a man has, we are fighting for the same thing against the same enemy, we both belong to the same class."

Will this not strengthen us in the fight against the red scare? Yes, and if we follow it up by individual contact, by utilization of the Western Worker and Party literature and bulletins and leaflets, we will build the Party in the unions and industries. And we must go further; we must choose the time and place, when we can even come forward and explain that we are a Party fighting for Socialism, as the only final solution; that we are carrying out American revolutionary traditions, that there is nothing un-American about our fight for a free, happy, and prosperous country without exploiters.

In such a way the issue of the red scare is effectively squelched, not by evading the issue and giving fuel to the reactionaries, but by meeting it head-on.

There is a very simple way to explain the Party position, which our comrades overlook, and that is by spreading the Western Worker in the unions. Where comrades understood the value of the Party press, they have used it effectively and have utilized it to build the Party. We must make this the goal of every unit and fraction; to see that the union members read the Western Worker. During the teamsters' embargo on the waterfront, the waterfront is literally flooded with leaflets and bulletins of every kind, issued by the CIO, by the AFL, by capitalist extras; but the Western Worker is conspicuous by its absence, and the workers have to reach the teamsters—do not get it at all; they are told they are "picketing against Communism," and they are the ones we must reach.

Telling the "Western"

Of course there are difficulties in the face of "goon" squads. But this is not the main reason; our comrades do not see the Western Worker as the most powerful instrument to break down the Red scare, and the means of building the Party in the midst of struggle. We broke down that resistance during the last maritime strike; we broke it down to such an extent that before the strike was over, the Western Worker was received on every picket line, in every union hall, and was as widely read as the "Voice of the Federation." Yet we have not learned from the experience of that strike, and in the present struggle, we have to face the same problem all over again.

We will solve it if we arouse the Party membership in the unions to consciousness of the need for building the Party, and our press, without which all their work in the unions is built on sand. We must instill in every Party member a feeling, that when something happens, his first reaction will be to see if it is recorded in the Western Worker, and that the "Western" reaches his union members. We want to see it sold openly at union meetings, at shop gates; there is no reason why we have to sneak around back doors. We want it read and discussed in the union halls, and in the factories on the workers' lunch hour.

The Western Worker can be a powerful instrument for mass education for Socialism. We must try to make it so, especially

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As We See It

By BILL SCHNEIDERMAN
Calif. State Secretary, Communist Party

Two Conventions

CALIFORNIA progressives and liberals are already becoming active in the preparations for the 1938 state and Congressional elections, as is evident from two political conventions which will be held in Fresno during the next two months. According to the United Progressive News, a Los Angeles weekly, a committee consisting mainly of progressive Democrats are calling a statewide conference on October 16 and 17 to consider how best to unite the labor, farmer and progressive forces of California for the 1938 elections.

The Progressive Commonwealth Federation also announces, through its new organ, the California Progressive, the calling of a state convention on November 13 and 14, and is working for the launching of a "third party" slate running on the Progressive Party ticket which is on the California ballot. The Federation's new paper quotes Governor Benson of the Minnesota Farmer-Labor Party, Oswald Garrison Villard, Alfred M. Bingham, Howard Y. Williams and Upton Sinclair in its arguments for a third party. These arguments have nothing in common with the position of the Communist Party on the building of a Farmer-Labor Party. On the contrary, they may confuse many progressive elements, especially former Epic Democrats who have been moving to the left since 1934.

Aims of Communist Party

We are fighting for the establishment of an American people's front against reaction, through the eventual establishment of a national Farmer-Labor Party, which will be a coalition or alliance of decisive sections of the labor movement, with the farmers and other middle-class elements.

Any abortive attempt to establish a small, weak, isolated third party grouping which will separate the more advanced progressive elements from the great mass of the labor and progressive forces which are supporting the Roosevelt New Deal against the attacks of the reactionaries, will only make it possible for the Tories to nominate and elect their candidates on the Democratic ticket.

It will weaken the practical possibilities of nominating labor and progressive candidates in the Democratic primaries, as was done so successfully in the Akron, Canton, Cleveland and New York municipal elections. In the present political situation, this would not serve the interests of establishing a national Farmer-Labor Party. That is why we Communists favor the linking of the Farmer-Labor groupings with the progressive, leftward moving forces that are still in the Democratic Party.

Comrade Earl Browder, in speaking on the new political alignments before the Central Committee of the Party in June, said: "The Farmer-Labor Party, conceived as the American equivalent of the People's Front in France, is taking shape and growing within the womb of the disintegrating two old parties. It will be born as a national party at the moment when it already replaces in the main one of the old traditional parties, contesting and possibly winning control of the federal government from the hour of its birth. What particular name the caprice of history may baptize it with is immaterial with us. This new party that is beginning to take shape before our eyes, involving a majority of the population, is what we Communists have in mind when we speak of a national Farmer-Labor Party, the American expression of the People's Front."

Tasks of the Trade Unions

It is obvious, therefore, that the crystallization of a progressive grouping within the Democratic party in California, looking toward the 1938 elections, should be welcomed by all labor and progressive forces. It will be especially important to reinforce this development by the independent political activity of labor, which should lose no time in organizing Labor's Non-Partisan League in California, which can and must be a united front of AFL and CIO unions collaborating with other progressive groupings.

Premature "third party" groupings will hinder the development of the People's Front movement, even though they may sincerely desire to advance the cause of the progressive camp against reaction as represented by the Republican Party and Tory Democrats. The example of the Washington Commonwealth Federation, which nominated and elected a large number of progressives on the Democratic ticket, should prove to the Progressive Commonwealth Federation the need for the closest collaboration with progressive Democrats and labor. If this is borne in mind, the two conventions in Fresno will be an important milestone for the defeat of reaction in California in the 1938 elections.

LETTERS

Wants Farmers to Write

Editor Western Worker:

The Merced Section, Communist Party, is putting on an affair on October 10 at the Portuguese Pentecostal Hall at Livingston, Calif. We are going to raise our quota to make the Western Worker a daily.

My sub has run out for the Western Worker, and I haven't got the money just now. If you can keep the paper coming, I will have the money soon. There are five and sometimes six of us who read each paper.

The Western Worker is the best paper I ever read. I would like to hear more from the little dirt farmer, the man who does his own work.

Comradely yours, —B. Chowchilla, Cal.

That Daily Paper

Farmers
Go-Getter Jerry
Alameda Swan Song
New Drive Materials

The big news of the week comes from that group of farmers in Merced County. That gang down there are short on words and long on action. They haven't been saying much about the Drive, but they've been doing plenty. This week, they completed 48% of their county quota! ONE-HALF THEIR QUOTA TURNED IN IN ONE-FOURTH OF THE DRIVE PERIOD!

Suspense

EVERY MEMBER of the State Drive Committee waits with bated breath upon the results of the LOS ANGELES COUNTY membership meeting held Thursday night. LOS ANGELES has promised to turn in a real chunk of change. Elsewhere in this issue you will find a telegram reprinted from the L. A. Drive committee stating the amount turned in at this big meeting. That is, you will if such a telegram IS sent and an amount WAS turned in.

JERRY FEINGOLD, South-of-the-Slot Whirlwind, has passed the \$100 mark, having turned in exactly \$119 on his individual quota of \$500. (Highest in the state.) JERRY has a large group of Press Builders working for him and he is literally champing the bit with impatience because no other party member will organize a brigade so Jerry's outfit can challenge them. (And when JERRY "champs the bit," we know for the first time what the Biblical expression "a weeping and wailing and gnashing of teeth" really means.)

Change of Mind

IN THE LAST COLUMN, this observation post opined that Los Angeles looked to be the winner in the Socialist competition between L. A. and FRISCO because of their superior organization for the Drive. But now, we don't know. This week, SAN FRANCISCO has completed 23% of its \$7500 quota. In effect, the northern county has raised one-fourth of the quota in one-fourth of the Drive time. Considering that it takes any county a week or so to get under way, it seems to us that FRISCO'S achievement is pretty darn good. Almost perfect, in fact.

County Notes

BAKERSFIELD HAS CRAWLED OUT OF BED, pulled on its socks, snapped its gaiters, and announced to the West in general that it is going to take part in the Drive. (Good going, boys, we were beginning to wonder.) A handsome guy by the name of I. Brasil, who has just completed the full time District Training School, has been selected to lead the Drive. All units have taken quotas and snook brigades will be formed for special work.

SAN DIEGO IS GETTING READY for the Daily Western Worker already. They plan to give a fine bicycle to the boy who sells the most daily "Westerns" between January 1 and March 1, 1938. The money for the bike will be raised by an outside group of interested people. We know such a plan will really put the Daily onto the streets of San Diego . . . which is where it should be.

We don't like funerals. We particularly don't like funerals connected with our movement. But we have a suspicion we're going to attend one on January 1. Nope, we haven't been looking into the little glass ball. But we expect to attend the funeral when ALAMEDA COUNTY buries its fast fading ambition to win two major drives in a row. (They were the first county over the top in the state sub drive.) The said ambition was a husky, bawling infant on September 6, but the poor thing is slowly sinking into a state of coma. Maybe, even at this late date, the comrades can inject a life-giving substance that will revive the hope, but we don't know.

HOLLYWOOD NOTES

By DON BLACKWELL

Here, there and everywhere: The Chase National Bank and a group of other banks, disliking the role of "Villainous Moneychangers" are sponsoring a series of radio broadcasts to perfume their reputation. . . 16MM sex pictures have been placed on the market for home rental . . . such reels as "She Dares Everything," "Beauties and Brasses" and "The Nudist Nuts" can be rented for \$4.00 . . . Paul Muni, Irving Pichel and Judge Robert M. Kenny have been elected to the executive board of the Hollywood Anti-Nazi League . . . Harry Cohn, president of Columbia Studios, is ready to sign an agreement with the Dramatists Guild to produce legit under it rules and regulations, breaking the understanding among film companies not to produce play- until the Guild changed its rules . . . Two news paper men from Nutley, N. J., have started the Anti-Movie Double Feature League of America . . . Paralysis of the posterior annex; collapsible knees; tired thighs and spots before the eyes, were among the reasons, including of course, the atrocious films . . . Shanghai's partially ruined Capital Theatre bears posters advertising pictures, that never had a chance to open . . . They were "Come and Get It" and "You Only Live Once" . . . "Big City," Norman Krassa's initial producing effort, features a taxi war that takes a slap at unions . . . the critics panned it, but M. G. M. took up Krassa's option . . . Ben Blue's new dance for Paramount's "Paris Honey" will top his hilarious skating dance . . . George Jessel's broadcast, starting Oct. 10th, will have more sponsors than talent . . . A clothing company in N. Y., a bus line in Oklahoma, a refrigerator company in Hollywood and a brewery in St. Louis.

History's Most Savage Blood-Bath

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from the film colonists. Not only did prominent screen stars snub the pyromaniac, but Southern California progressives made the movie city anything but a Mecca for fascists.

Progressive newspapers carried accounts of Vittorio's boasts in his book, *Flights on the Ethiopian Plateau*, in which the dictator's oldest son declares "War certainly educates. I recommend it to everybody. . . . War for us (the Fascists) has been a sport, the most beautiful and complete of all sports."

The book further unblushingly describes the young Nero's part in the bombardment of Addis Ababa, but like the capitalist press throughout the world, it almost entirely suppressed the details of that most horrible slaughter of innocent people.

The Geneva "Journal des Nations" publishes an account of the horrible blood-bath in Addis Ababa on the 19th of Feb., 1937 and the following days, when at least 35,000 Ethiopians were massacred. This dreadful slaughter is described as one of the most terrible crimes in the world's history, fully equalling the destruction of Mexico in 1921 by Cortez. The Italians have believed that little or no information concerning these unheard of atrocities would leak out from Addis Ababa; but in this they have deceived themselves. The eye witness who in the "Journal des Nations" relates those horrors, shows clearly and distinctly the meaning of the "Cultural Mission," which Fascism had determined to propagate, beginning in Ethiopia and continuing in Spain, etc.

Breaks Up Festival

The eye witness relates: "It was St. Michael's day, Feb. 19, 1937. The Ethiopians, who held fast to old traditions, were preparing to celebrate this day in splendid style. But General Graziani came to the city and broke up the festival. He called all the chiefs and native nobles, including the priests. For a long time they were compelled to listen to one of the most shameless harangues ever held, in which, among other things, he accused them of having circulated a report that he was dead. Finally, after expatiating on Italy's supremacy and Il Duce's superhuman abilities, he ordered the group to salute Il Duce; then the king of Italy, as the emperor of Ethiopia.

The arms went up; but some one in the crowd threw a bomb, which struck Graziani himself and some of the higher officers, injuring them more or less seriously. Graziani had strength enough, however, to "Avenge me! Kill all of them!"

All outlets from the palace were barred by cross-fire from machine guns. All Ethiopians found within the walls were killed with revolver shots, bayonets and daggers by the soldiers who were called. Only a few, by climbing over the walls, succeeded in saving themselves.

Massacre Decided

In that moment the decision was made to massacre the whole population of Addis Ababa. And the order that went out from Fascist Italy, and which shall forever remain an indelible stain upon her history was this: "Close the city! Not one of this accursed race shall escape. Do with them what you will!"

The edict was at once communicated to the troops then garrisoning the city. The strength of those troops was as follows: Regulars, 35,000; militia and Black Shirts, 40,000 men; Askaris from Eritrea, 5,000; Askaris from Tripoli, 3,000 men—a total of 83,000 men.

"The ordered race" meant the people of Addis Ababa. Exactly what the population of the city was at that moment, no one knows. In the good old days the number must have risen to between 250 and 300 thousand inhabitants. But after the beginning of the war the population

had, for easily understood reasons, constantly decreased. At the moment when the above cited sentence was passed upon the unfortunate population of Addis Ababa, the number of inhabitants could not have exceeded 50,000.

Soldiers Protest

The regular troops showed signs of stubbornness, and opposition when the terrible order was conveyed to them.

A shift was then hurriedly arranged to use these troops to guard the outlets of the city, so that no fugitives might escape in that way. The Askaris from Eritrea refused point blank to participate in the slaughter. They were soldiers, they declared, and not murderers of women and children. They were shut up in the barracks, therefore, and several of them were shot down.

The Italian Black Shirts—army of the Fascist Party—and the Askaris from Lybia, gladly accepted the invitation to act as executioners. They were plentifully supplied with revolvers, handgrenades, daggers and clubs, and so—"Avanti!" (forward).

At the same moment there arose from the flying field at Akaki an enormous death bird, which circled the city dropping bombs that crushed houses, killing their occupants and people in the streets.

Meanwhile, from the fortified points within the city, cannon and machine guns began to rain missiles upon the houses, setting fires and making havoc. Thick clouds of smoke rose over the city, darkening the sky. The noise of volleys and salvos, now in crescendo, now in diminuendo, never ceased. Terrified men, women and children sprang in all directions, hoping to be able to save themselves. But they were captured; and in groups of tens, fifties and hundreds they were beaten down or shot. In a short time the streets were littered with corpses. None now dared to venture out of the houses.

Three Day Slaughter

Then a method was resorted to, which in general was employed during the following three days. This plan was to set fire to the houses, and to murder every one, without exception, who sought to escape being burned alive. Daggers were used, and bayonets, handgrenades, clubs and stones, as well as firearms.

In other places fascists were seen to tie the poor humans to trucks and drag them through the streets till they were all broken. Others found their delight in whipping naked women to death



THIS exclusive photo, suppressed by the "impartial" daily capitalist newspapers, shows how Mussolini is carrying "civilization" to the people of Ethiopia. The picture tells also why an un subdued army of more than 50,000 Ethiopians are still carrying on guerrilla warfare against the Blackshirts.

before the eyes of their bound and helpless husbands and brothers. Other soldiers tried to kill the victims by stoning them, while the unfortunates begged to be shot at once, to escape further suffering. Others again, amused themselves by crushing with clubs the heads and limbs of the children whom they had a moment before made orphans.

Women and Children Die

The soldiers from Tripoli, whose animal instincts were aroused by the example of the Italians, specialized in slitting the throat, or ripping the abdomen and dragging out the entrails of their victims, after which they felt a luxurious enjoyment in observing how the flame of life slowly flickered out in the dying eyes.

Everywhere blood was flowing in streams. Death shrieks of women and children blended with the infernal racket of the

modern fire-arms.

Three days went by during this maniacal slaughter. The white town, which always seemed like a park decorated for a festival, and where the eucalyptus and mimosa formed a white symphony, had during those three days been changed into a scrap-heap strewn with more or less mangled corpses.

Burn Bodies of Dead

In certain sections the bodies practically covered the streets. In St. George's Market, from which the statue of Menelik the Second had been removed, the corpses were in great heaps. St. George's Cathedral, which was built forty years ago to commemorate the battle of Adua (the rout of the Italian armies) was not spared by the barbarians. The walls had been sprinkled with benzine and set on fire, but had resisted complete destruction. The stately church,

however, had, in the interior, been completely wrecked.

None of the few surviving Ethiopians were permitted to bury the bodies of their kindred, or even to weep over them. If caught at this they were either shot, jailed or deported. It was only the fascists that collected the bodies in trucks and hauled them away to be burned.

From different points the sound of shots, sometimes of whole volleys, was continually heard. This meant that groups or families were discovered who had hidden themselves under bridges, or in the stone quarries at Gulaie.

12,000 Killed a Day

"Seven hundred fugitives had taken shelter in the American Legation. They were lured out of there by promises that their lives would be spared. But no sooner had they passed through the gates of the Legation, than they were shot down, beaten down, or killed in some other way before the eyes of the personnel of the American Legation.

Later the French Legation, and other houses occupied by Europeans were entered by force in the search for Ethiopians. All the corners and holes of the city were searched, and all natives found were murdered without grace or mercy.

During these three days more than 35,000 were massacred in Addis Ababa. For three full days after the blood-bath, the trucks loaded with corpses passed continually, going to the places of cremation.

The Italian authorities scrutinized the bodies to note whether all the intellectuals among the Ethiopians had been put to death. Their death had long before been decreed; but up to this time no occasion had presented itself for the carrying out of the decision. Many of those intellectuals had received the most brutal treatment.

Intellectuals First

The horribly mutilated bodies of Kefle Nesebu, a young officer from the military school; Georg Henry, son of the Minister of Foreign Affairs; Tesfe Tegge, director of the same office; Shaka Pellehu, the emperor's barber; three sons of Doctor Martin; Mammo Gebru, a ranking military man; these and many thousand other bodies bordered the streets.

Further I saw among the dead: Bitwode Wolde-Sadiq, President of the Senate; Dediaz Wolde Emanuel, Governor in Jimma; Blatel Geta Woldeariam, former ambassador; Blatta Ayele Bebre, former president of the Appellate court; Ato Bechak Wared, former director in the Finance department; Kegnashmatch Wolde-Johannis, superintendent of the Royal palace; Belacheow Adatie, comptroller for the French-Ethiopian Railroad, etc.

A few thousand persons had succeeded in getting out of the city. But many of these were bombed or machine-gunned from the air, or hunted down with cavalry and slain together with the inhabitants of the villages where they were caught. In one little railroad town, called Modjo, 250 persons were killed in this way.

Black Shirts Boast

Just now the town looks like a battle field after the battle. One sees only groups of soldiers and patrol guards, as if an attack by a formidable antagonist were expected. The Black Shirts sing; they form groups, every one is trying to narrate his exploits—to boast of the number of victims to whom he has succeeded in handing a passport to another and certainly, a better world.

Over the whole city reigns the silence of death. One sees here and there, in the outlying districts, a few surviving Ethiopians wandering, shelterless and unarmored, among the charred stumps of the eucalyptus trees. They soon will perish, either from hunger or through the intervention of the Black Shirts. None come into the city any more. There is no market now, no food; and hunger will soon be felt by Mussolini's army.

The inhabitants of the districts surrounding the city have, by means of leaflets dropped from airplanes, been notified to provide the army with grain and meat. But no one dares to enter the city, for a rumor is circulating among the natives that every one that goes to Addis Ababa is killed and devoured by the Black Shirts. The refusal or inability of the natives to supply provisions has prompted the Italians to pour out bombs and poison gas on the surrounding villages.

Destroy Children

Every place where the Italians are stationed they terrorize the people. From reliable sources I have learned that in Leketli, Wollega district, 600 children were murdered. Their only crime was that, at sight of the Black Shirts, they took to their heels. I will not judge the action of the young patriot in throwing the bomb at Graziani. He, by this gesture, apparently desired to fix the attention of the world on the intolerable conditions created by the Italian domination of Ethiopia. "But it is better," remarked one of the few remaining intellectuals to me,—"It is better to die as a hero one day, than to live two days under the rule of this human scum."

This nerve-shaking narrative is dated Addis Ababa, March 14th, 1937.

Read it by all means.
—TOM PATTERSON

Asia's People of Destiny

WHEN CHINA UNITES, an interpretive history of the Chinese Revolution, by Harry Gannes. Alfred A. Knopf, \$2.50.

"The story of modern China," says Harry Gannes, "is the history of one fifth of the human race striving to attain its national independence." In this book, Gannes has told it in terms more interesting than fiction and in such a way as to be an indispensable aid to an understanding of that mountain of news that is the daily record of China's heroic fight today.

Begins With Opium Wars

No one can hope to understand the events of China today who does not understand their background, and in this book, Gannes has taken the story from the Opium Wars beginning in 1840, down to the conclusion of the Sian incident. In short, he gives a lucid synopsis of the action prior to the curtain's rise on the "incident" at Marco Polo Bridge.

"For we are witnessing," Gannes writes in his opening chapter, "a cycle begun by the Opium Wars." It was by these wars that the Chinese people first suffered violent invasion and it was these wars which soon led to the first widespread uprisings against the ancient and decayed rule of the Manchus dynasty.

With a remarkable economy of words, Gannes tells the main outlines of these earlier struggles of the Chinese people, struggles in which the fight against foreign penetration and exploitation is combined with war against corrupt rule within. "The history of the wholesale importation of opium into China, when extirpated from the conscious attempt to obscure the facts, is as simple as it is startling. The country was first doped and then shot into accepting early capitalist penetration." To the Manchus, holding to the top of the heap of decayed feudalism more by inertia than by astuteness, the opium trade threatened "not so much the morals of the Chinese people as the wrecking of their state revenues."

'Treaties' of Imperialists

The treaties which the British forced upon China, with their heavy indemnities and forced capitulation to increased economic penetration, were to be the repeated experience of the Chinese people, and every cycle of that struggle has brought new and more atrocious examples.

Japan was to furnish what is evidently the epitome.

The struggle of the Chinese people is shot through with the century-old plan of the capitalist countries to get the lion's share of the national wealth that disunity rendered the Chinese unable to protect. America had a vast share in deciding that China was not to be another India, the exclusive prize of Great Britain. It was America that did most to develop "extraterritoriality" by which the courts of a sovereign nation were denied the right to try the citizens of another country for any crime they might have committed there.

The Kuomintang of the present day has much of its form and tradition rooted in the revolutionary societies which sprang up throughout China to promote these anti-Manchu revolts. They rose and fell, and the Manchus were not to be overthrown until the revolution of 1911 under the stimulus of the loosely-knit nationwide organization which was the immediate precursor of the Kuomintang.

Democracies Betray China

China was betrayed by England and America following the World War, and Japan, already having taken Formosa and Korea by force and invested heavily throughout China, got possession of the former German port and "sphere of influence."

There are few who have not read sketched out on one or another phase of background of the Chinese struggle for national unity and independence since the World War, but until now there has never been a book which gave this picture as a whole. Gannes does so as it can be done only by a writer who has a comprehensive knowledge not only of the facts but of their relation to each other. Gannes is such a writer, in short, a Marxist writer. Those who follow his column regularly in the Daily Worker know that he not only is illuminating and accurate in his judgements, but capable of making himself clearly understood.

These capabilities of Gannes stand out even more clearly in a continuous exposition.

The Reds Enter Picture

His account of the anti-imperialist upsurge of 1921 to 1925 accomplishes what any writer not fully understanding the ends and methods of imperialism would certainly fail to accomplish. The growth of the trade unions in that era, the tremendous outbursts of nationalist demonstrations in which the students took the leading role were inseparably connected with age-old grievances of the Chinese people. For a century they have

been confronted simultaneously with the task of combating the incursions of foreign control and with cementing their own unity to accomplish it.

The period in question ended with the betrayal by the leaders of the Kuomintang. China had not learned as it is finally learning that there is an inseparable connection between the fight for unity and the fight against invasion. Civil War was to follow, but out of this war was to develop the spearhead of the unified fight against Japan today—The Chinese Red Army.

"Nanking tried," writes Gannes, "to erect a stable central government in China on an active political volcano. Under the leadership of Chiang Kai-shek the landowning bourgeoisie energetically sought to consolidate its power and to unify China while ninety per cent of the population was still unrelied of ancient burdens." His account of the development of the Communist Party of China, of the building of the Soviets shows clearly enough why China could unite only on a program which takes into account the needs of this great ninety per cent.

Shows Today's Problems

Gannes devotes an entire chapter to the subject "Manchuria, the Great Demarcation," tracing the growth of Japanese infiltration and control over this great area. It was an infiltration of economic control by money, by maneuver and by bullets, and Japan's methods were never better exemplified than in its murder of the notorious war lord Chang Tso-lin after that amenable old servant and butcher had served as far as he could.

For understanding of Japan's immediate strategy and tactics in the wars against China, the final chapters of the book are particularly indispensable. They show the development of the national Chinese recognition of Japan as the enemy. They show the tactics by which Japan followed up its Manchurian conquest by the "demilitarized" area of Peiping-Tientsin, south of the Great Wall.

They show, finally, the meaning of the kidnapping and release of Chiang Kai-shek at Sian, an incident which revealed with dramatic tenseness the key question in China: whether there shall be unity against Japan or further internal struggle allowing the Japanese to enter unhindered.

Gannes finished the book only a few days prior to the Peiping incident which opened the current struggle.

SEEING RED

SHIPOWNERS PLAN RAID ON U. S. TREASURY

By MICHAEL QUIN

Shipowners on both coasts recently submitted written pleas to the Maritime Commission in Washington begging that no increase be permitted in the wage scales of seamen and longshoremen. Wages are too high already, they say.

Now what do they want to do a heel thing like that for? It's no skin off their anatomy. The government has already agreed that all the shipowners have to do is pay as much as their foreign competitors pay and the U. S. Treasury will reimburse them for everything above that figure.

Of course, this doesn't apply to coastwise and intercoastal lines operating between American ports, but those ships have a monopoly protected by law. They don't have to compete with any foreign company, and since the scale is the same for all domestic lines, wages aren't a factor in competition among them.

Shipowners' Logic

Of course, these lines do have to compete with rail and trucking transportation. But there is no logic in that argument. Is there any sense or justice in expecting maritime workers to live like animals in order that coastal shipping lines can under-cut the railroads?

Pretty soon the railroad companies would come back with the equally stupid argument that railroad workers should be forced to live like animals so they could have their rates down to equality with the steamships.

It's absolutely crazy.

Decent jobs; decent wages; decent hours; decent Americans. That's what the Communist Party advocates all around.

What these shipowners have in mind is past all imagining. They seem to think the faces of their fellow men are a stairway up which they can climb to fortune.

Don't Like New System

This U. S. Maritime Commission was especially set up to keep an eye on those shipowners because it was discovered they were swiping money out of the government till through a phony subsidy system. Now they'd like to use it to club more sweat and profit out of the marine workers.

They don't like the new subsidy arrangement which requires them to keep their books open to inspection and not pay executive salaries higher than \$25,000 a year. So they're busy now sabotaging it and working every angle they can to put over another scheme.

What is it they want? They want the government to build all ships for the merchant marine and rent them to private companies for a nominal fee.

This was worked once before, incidentally, under the U. S. Shipping Board. Once the shipowners (these very same shipowners, incidentally) got hold of the ships, they engaged in a campaign of sabotage that resulted in such financial chaos that the government was literally forced to sell them the ships outright for ten cents on the dollar and sometimes less than that.

Patriots or Pirates

In fact the history of these champion flag-wavers has been a continuous story of infamy and betrayal, ever since the World War. They're not patriots. They're pirates.

When the government won't kick through with generous subsidies, they build their ships in foreign yards, man them with foreign seamen and sail them under foreign flags. Many of the lines that for years in the past were receiving subsidies to enable them to compete with foreign lines were really "competing" with their own ships sailing under foreign flags. And a lot more of them got subsidies when they weren't competing with anyone.

It would take a good sized book to detail the whole story and it is so consistently filthy it gets monotonous.

This present move that's on to bung-hole the treasury will demand plenty of watching—and plenty of scotching. The organized shipowners have one of the slickest, smoothest lobbies that ever infested Washington.

WORKERS' HEALTH

Medics Predict Influenza Epidemic Will Be Worst Yet

By DR. FRANKLIN E. BISSEL

Medical authorities expect the world to have the worst epidemic of influenza since 1927-1928 this winter.

The "flu" seems to run in cycles of ten years. The worst epidemic in history was in 1917-1918. There was then a recession for a few years and then an increase until another bad epidemic came in 1928. The same has happened since then and last year this dangerous disease reached a large number of people.

Workers should prepare for the coming epidemic by leading a healthy lives as possible. They should eat plenty of simple, nourishing foods, including large quantities of fresh fruits and vegetables. They should get much rest, and plenty of outdoor exercise.

It is particularly necessary that all colds should be stopped as soon as they have started in order that the nose and lungs will not become weakened to the cold germs. Until next Spring after the epidemic, even the slightest cold should be treated with all measures known. If at all possible, one should go to bed, keep his bowels well open, drink at least ten glasses of orange juice or lemon juice a day, and take a medicine that was found effective by University of Minnesota scientists—a combination of codeine and papaverine. As these are narcotics, they must be prescribed by a doctor.

CIO Council Helps Kill 'Back-to-Work' Move at Northrup

PROGRESSIVES SUMMONED TO PUSH PEACE FIGHT AS LEAGUE CONVENTION NEARS

Roosevelt Speech Cited in C. P. Appeal As Aid for People's Struggle Against War and Reaction

The American League Against War and Fascism, most militant of all peace-seeking organizations, is organizing two congresses to be held in the near future—one in Los Angeles, October 16, 17, one in San Francisco October 24. In view of the need for specific action for peace and in view of President Roosevelt's recent forthright enunciation of a peace policy for the United States, the California State Committee of the Communist Party has issued the following statement, endorsing the two congresses:

Two conferences of vital importance to people of California are to be held this month—the Northern and Southern California Congresses for Democracy and Peace, initiated by the American League Against War and Fascism. These congresses are a prelude to the national gathering of American peace forces in Pittsburgh, Pa., over the Thanksgiving week-end.

The bullet-torn bodies of men, women and children of China and Spain speak for the timeliness of these congresses. They shout: "The peace of the world is threatened! Do not delay to unite the peace-loving people of the world to stop the plunder of the fascist barbarians."

No nation is safe while the German, Italian and Japanese fascist war-makers are allowed to flaunt the peace desires of the entire world in their murder, Spain—upon the people of China for over a year, German and Italian fascism have brazenly invaded Spanish soil while the democratic countries of the world stood by and watched their war of destruction. Arbitrarily, the Japanese fascist military clique ally of Hitler, encouraged by the war of plunder in Spain, has marched on Chinese soil to gain further conquests.

The American people want and hope for peace. But there can be no security for our people from the horrors of war and fascist reaction while a fascist-inspired war rages in Spain and China. The fascists must and can be stopped!

Ugly fascist reaction rises it head also on our soil. The cloud of vigilante terror are again sweeping the skies of California in the present attempts of the reactionary forces to pile up a war chest, to smash unionism, to outlaw strikes, to prevent picketing. These require an immediate answer in a powerful movement against vigilante terror—for the elementary rights of the California people to organize—to make impossible a repetition of the bloody massacres of the 1934 general strike, of Salinas, of Stockton.

The Communist Party has from the first given support to the American League Against War and Fascism. It has recognized its splendid work in uniting millions of Americans in an active struggle for peace, in a struggle to preserve the democratic right of the people against the assault of the American Tories.

But today this work must embrace tens of millions—it must embrace the majority of the American people who want peace, in an effective movement to work for peace. It must embrace every forward-looking person in a movement to smash fascist vigilante terror at home. That is why the California State Committee of the Communist Party wholeheartedly endorses the present efforts of the Northern and Southern sections of the California American League Against War and Fascism to unite the people of California in a solid front for peace and democracy.

We Communists have for a long time emphasized that the only way to keep America out of war, is to keep the world out of war.

We shouted from the house-tops that the false neutrality policy of the American government has given aid to the fascist war-mongers, encouraged their war of destruction, and is driving America, together with the rest of the world, into a new world war.

That is why we have urged the development of an effective peace policy for the American government, a policy of collaboration with the democratic countries of the world, in the first place, with the Soviet Union, one of the most consistent defenders of the peace of the world, to stop the fascist murderers.

The United States can play a leading role in the fight to maintain peace. The Nine-Power Treaty which guarantees the territorial integrity of China; the Kellogg Peace Pact which outlaws war, can become effective instruments for peace. We have urged the use of these two pacts against the fascist aggressors. We have urged the initiation of a Pacific non-aggression pact to unite in the first place China, the Soviet Union and the United States, in a front against Japanese militarism.

We welcome the fact that today millions of American people have taken up these slogans of the Communist Party. We welcome also the recent speech of President Roosevelt which is a break from the traditional false neutrality position of the American government and echoes these sentiments of the American people. We welcome the official statement of the State Department in union with other democratic countries of the world, designating Japan as an aggressor.

This is a step in the right direction—but only the first step. These words must be backed by action—collective action to isolate the fascist aggressors. The congresses of the American League Against War and Fascism in California can help to put these words into action. By rallying all peace forces of California—the labor, farmer, liberal, and professional movement for democracy and peace, the American League Against War and Fascism can help to bring about an effective peace policy which will stop the fascist aggressors. The congresses of the American League Against War and Fascism can also deal an effective blow against vigilante terror by combining the people to unitedly resist the union smashing program of the California vigilantes.

The State Committee calls upon every single party member and all in the trade unions, on the farms, in the neighborhoods, to give active assistance to make these two congresses powerful gatherings for democracy and peace. Reach your organizations. See that delegates are sent. Help to unite the democratic and peace forces of California to top the fascist murders in Europe and the Pacific—to smash vigilante terror in California.

FLAHERTYS TO STAY WEEK IN LOS ANGELES

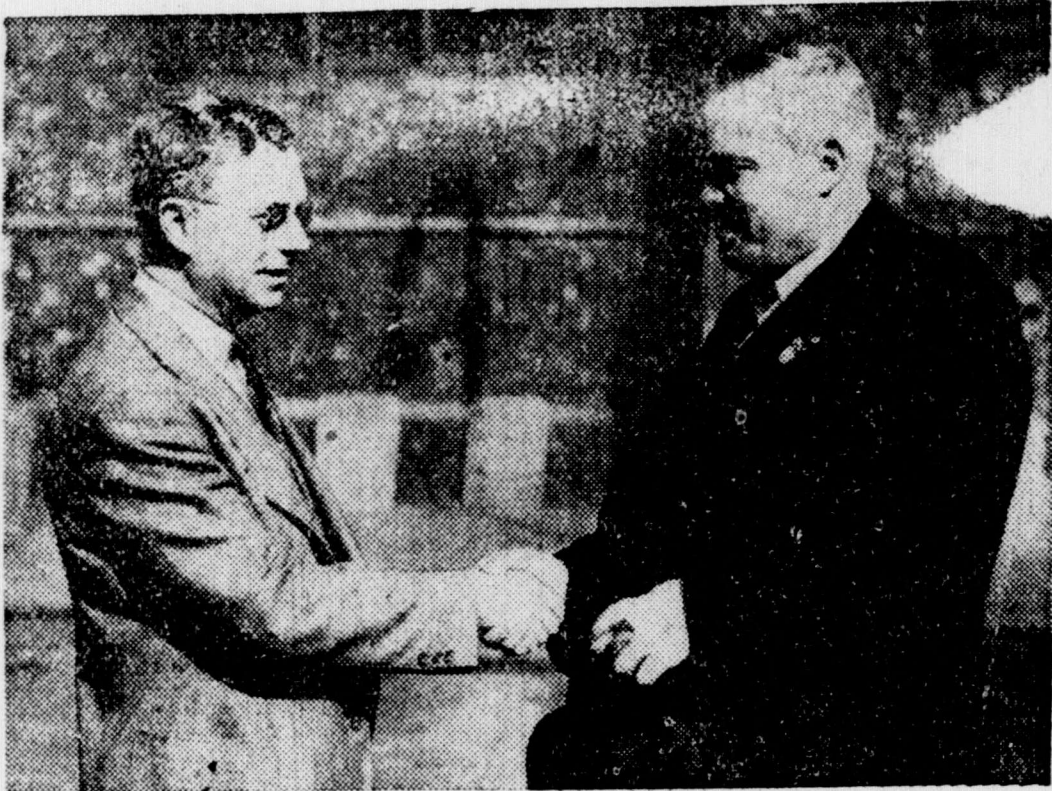
LOS ANGELES—A full week's stay in Southern California, with their schedule calling for engagements in San Diego, San Pedro and Glendale in addition to a major public meeting Wednesday, October 13, in Philharmonic Auditorium, Los Angeles, has been arranged for the Flaherty brothers, Irish-American fighters in the cause of the Spanish Loyalist government.

This was the word received from Miriam Somers, executive secretary of the local Friends of the Abraham Lincoln Brigade, in charge of preparations for the Los Angeles mass meeting.

Arrive Oct. 9
The Flaherty's—Charles, Frank and Edward—are due to arrive in Los Angeles at the Central Station, Fifth and Central, Saturday night at 6 p.m., coming from San Francisco. At the railroad station will be assembled several thousand representatives of the leading progressive, trade union and anti-fascist organizations of the Southland.

The Southland itinerary of the three members of the Lincoln Battalion who have been attracting large audiences throughout the United States on their present tour to raise funds for purchase of cigarettes, soap and medical supplies for their fellow American soldiers in the Loyalist trenches, calls for their first public appearance in San Diego, Tuesday evening, October 12. Roosevelt High School auditorium will be the meeting place.

Fraternal Delegates



JOHN B. HAGGERTY (right), president of the International Brotherhood of Bookbinders, is welcomed on arrival at Norwich, England, to attend the Trade Union Congress there by Carl E. Berg, Canadian representative.

F. R. SPEECH SPEEDS ACTION BY WORLD FORCES OF PEACE

Browder Lauds Declaration; Calls for Mobilizing Boycott Against Japan

(Continued from Page 1) "I fully understand and justify" the Japanese actions.

Response to the major turn in America's policy was heard from many quarters in America. Emphatically opposing it, the Hearst papers took almost the precise attitude of the Nazi government. A leading editorial recalled President Wilson and charged "involvement of the United States in foreign entanglements."

On the other hand a wide section of the conservative press, silent on America's role when immediate foreign investments were not endangered on a wide scale, editorialized favorably to the President's speech.

C. P. Attitude
Setting forth the attitude of the Communist Party, earliest in denouncing "neutrality" and demanding collaboration against fascism, Earl Browder said of the President's speech:

"There is not the slightest doubt that it embodies the essential features by which America can be kept out of war, that is, by helping keep war out of the world. . . but added a warning that reactionary forces will not hesitate to block the policy unless the masses in America are mobilized to carry it out. He urged an immediate boycott on all Japanese goods."

The President in his speech made little reference to "neutrality," except in a clear remark that "There is no escape (for the U. S.) through mere neutrality and isolation."

Recall Spain, China
But called unmistakably to mind the invasions raging in Spain and in China when he said:

"Without a declaration of war and without warning or justification of any kind, civilians, including women and children, are being ruthlessly murdered with bombs from the air."

"In times of so-called peace ships are being attacked and sunk without cause or notice. Nations are fomenting and taking sides in civil warfare in nations that have never done them any harm. Nations claiming freedom for themselves deny it to others."

Pointing to the violations of the Kellogg-Briand and Nine-power treaties, the President then gave his clearest expression of adherence to the principle of collective action:

"When an epidemic of physical disease starts to spread, the community approves and joins in a quarantine of the patients in order to protect the health of the community against the spread of the disease."

"It is my determination to pursue a policy of peace and to avoid involvement in war." He had already said:

"It is true that the moral consciousness of the world must recognize the importance of removing injustices and well-founded grievances, but at the same time it must be aroused to the cardinal necessity of honoring the sanctity of treaties, of respecting the rights and liberties of others and of putting an end to acts of international aggression."

On Thursday, October 14, the Flaherty's are to appear as speakers at a meeting in Wilmington, Bow, San Pedro, and on Friday, October 15, at the Masonic Temple, 234 South Brand Boulevard, in Glendale.

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Daily 'Western': Our Tasks

(Continued from Page 4)

As we now approach a historic event of world importance, the 20th Anniversary of the Soviet Union. The special anniversary edition of 50,000, which will be out in time for mass distribution on the week-end of Oct. 30 and 31st, will be a test mobilization of the Party. The Party is not only the driving force in the mass movement, it is fighting for Socialism. And that fight will be strengthened by the broad popularization of the achievements of the Soviet Union, not only its economic achievements, but in the establishment of the highest type of democracy under Socialism.

Must Correct Lies

The capitalist press, to confuse the issue, has laid down a deliberate barrage against "all dictatorships," lumping together Germany, Italy, and the Soviet Union. They try to make it appear that the issue is between democracy on one side, against fascism and Communism on the other. But there is a world of difference, as we know, between the dictatorship of the proletariat in the Soviet Union, representing the vast majority of the people and its interests, and a Fascist dictatorship which represents the iron fist of a minority, the rule of the most reactionary sections of finance capital, suppressing the majority of the people.

While we fight for the maintenance of democracy in America, we must also show that Soviet democracy is of a higher type which cannot be realized under capitalism; that in the fight between democracy and fascism on a world scale, the Soviet Union stands with those who fight for democracy and war, against fascism and war. We must also never fail to show that there is no contradiction between our fight for building a People's Front against reaction, and the fight for Socialism. If we fail to answer these questions, we only give ammunition to the Trotskyites to spread their confusion and disruption in the interests of their fascist allies. These tasks place a great responsibility on our Party, and especially on our Party press.

It is obvious that the Western Worker to fulfill its role must be a combination of a Party organ and a mass organ, a voice of the people; it is not either, or the other, or a contradictory, it can and must be both. Here we have to knock notions on the head. Some comrades say: "It's impossible to get a mass circulation as a Party organ. Maybe we should have a daily which will be some kind of a progressive organ, not connected with the Party. Let's change the name. Let's start all over again, and we will eliminate the prejudices against the paper and avoid the red scare."

Anyone who thinks we are going to avoid the "red scare" by simply trying to hide the role of the Party is a visionary. It is true we are going to discuss the possible change of name, although whether it will be changed has not yet been definitely decided. But we are not going to forget about the Western Worker as though it was a bad page in Party history. On the contrary, it is a glorious page; the Western Worker has traditions, because it was an important part of every struggle in which the Party advanced to its present position of mass influence.

Task Is Huge
The paper has shortcomings; it is rapidly improving, and will continue to improve and overcome its shortcomings if the Party membership will help us; when it becomes a daily it will have greater facilities to fill the needs of the day. And the more it becomes an effective organ of our Central Committee and reflects its line and decisions, the more it will become a powerful mass organ of the working class and all the people.

So we must undertake the job of building the Party and establishing the Daily, side by side, as a first-class political task. To raise \$30,000.00 by January 1st in California, we will have to mobilize every last member of the Party and its thousands of non-Party sympathizers and supporters. If every member raises a minimum of \$10.00, we will

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AFL MEET HEARS CALL FOR UNITY AGAINST WAR PERIL

(Continued from Page 1)

A survey of the resolutions on which the convention will act throws further light on the combination of causes impelling President Green to his hysterical and at times incoherent call for civil war against the CIO. A number of these resolutions—

from the American Federation of Teachers, Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters, Masters, Mates & Pilots, Typographical Union and the Street & Electric Railway Employees—show that a few Huguenots are still alive in spite of the year-long St. Bartholomew's Eve since the Tampa convention.

Intimidation

The warlike tone and content of Green's speech, his attack on President Howard of the Typos, the squelching of Mahon's effort to get more extended debate on the question of industrial unionism, in addition to expressing a general line of reactionary policy, were intended to intimidate the delegations sponsoring various progressive resolutions.

Another one of these vicious gestures was the distributing of a photostat copy of the Intl. Woodworkers Assn. (CIO) charter signed by Howard, together with copies of Hutcherson's Seattle sheet to all delegates and the press.

Since the main policy of the AFL as set forth in the speech of Green and the report of the Executive Council is to be one of civil war on the CIO and all its affiliated unions, and the convention is supposed to show no sign of disagreement with this suicidal policy, it is not surprising that great embarrassment could be caused for the execution of this strategy if free and open debate occurred on the proposal from the Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters. It is of great importance to the entire labor movement:

Vital Resolution

"Resolved, that the 57th Annual Convention . . . refuse to expel the CIO unions and call a unity convention for the purpose of developing plans to protect a resolution on industrial union organization of the mass production industries and the question of the unity of the A. F. L. and the C. I. O."

go way over the top. We want the units to work for 100 per cent collection of a days pay from every member, not by compulsion, but by convincing them politically so they will do it voluntarily. Our units must become dynamo of political activity and building the Party and the press.

We have accepted a challenge from the Chicago district on recruiting that by Nov. 7th we will retain our present place as the second-largest district, and that by Jan. 1st we will have 5,000 dues-paying members in California. We are confident that you who are attending this State Conference can go out and mobilize the entire membership, and through them thousands of non-Party workers, for the successful fulfillment of the biggest campaign we have ever undertaken.

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STRIKE-BUSTING MEET BECOMES FIASCO IN L. A.

Aircraft Strikers Explode Claim Majority Not in Support of Walk-out

LOS ANGELES—Swift action of the CIO Industrial Council has helped turn a "back to work" movement started among Northrup Aircraft employees into a complete fiasco.

The CIO move came at the regular council meeting last Monday night when a United Auto Worker member stated that a "back to work" meeting was being held at Inglewood High School. He moved that the Council adjourn and immediately proceed in a body to the school in order to provide as many witnesses and participants to the meeting as possible.

Council Adjourned

The council members adjourned at 8:15 and drove straight to the school in their separate cars. Approximately 1000 workers gathered to see the show at the "back to work" meeting. When Dr. John R. Lechner, executive director of the "American Educational League," took the platform and attacked the organizers and leadership of the United Auto Workers, the strikers and members of the CIO Council stood up in a body and walked out.

Blow to Douglas

Not more than 100 "back to workers" remained in the auditorium. This was a severe blow to city authorities and Douglas officials who have been claiming that a majority of the workers do not support the strike.

A dozen motorcycle police circled the streets among the crowd. The crowd boomed when the handful of dissenters came out after the meeting was over, but there was no disturbance.

The crowd broke up in good spirit. It was apparent that the "back to work movement" had served to strengthen the morale of the strikers, the presence of the CIO Council had proved a valuable stimulant and the "back to workers," it is predicted, will keep their noses under cover for a few days.

CIO-AFL struggle is used to cover up this basic difference in principle and approach to the vital task of organizing the unorganized.

Need Unity Convention

This convention will follow the lead of Green and the Executive Council in trying to obscure this fundamental difference still further. Every possible demagogic method will be used to whip up a lynch spirit against the CIO and its members. This convention obviously is playing with fire and every worker in the United States should know it.

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SEES WINDOW SMASHING AS BOSSES' PLOT

Open-Shoppers Trying All Means to Try to Put Over Picket Ban

By a Worker Correspondent
SAN FRANCISCO — On or about September 7 at about midnight, the stillness of lower Market St. was shattered by the breaking of two large windows at 531 Market St., the home of the Elliott-Fisher Typewriter Co., whose employees have been on strike for about two months.

Did the pickets break the windows? When by so doing they would only endanger the right to peacefully picket, their main weapon? Certainly not.

Open-Shopper Broke Them
Then who did break them? It must have been the Elliott-Fisher Typewriter Co. backed by the "Citizens' Committee." Why? Because they hope to put an anti-picketing ordinance through on the November 2 ballot.

Crash! Crash! Crash! Soon after the Market St. window breaking, but this time at Heady's barber shop, 129 Ellis St., which has nine or ten non-union chairs.

Pay-Off Reported
The pickets in front of Heady's report that Heady had a petition to put on the November 2 ballot an anti-picketing ordinance long before the windows in the front of his shop were broken. He then put up several signs saying, "This is what they call peaceful picketing," and though the windows have been broken for a month they have not been replaced by new panes.

It has been reported by the pickets that Heady is getting \$500 from the "Citizens' Committee" to leave the windows as they are until after the elections. Ordinarily broken windows are replaced by the insurance companies within two or three days after being broken.

Did the strikers break these windows, which act could only injure their right to picket peacefully, or did Heady or the "Citizens' Committee" hire thugs to break them in order to get an anti-picketing law on the ballot?

It is quite obvious that Heady & Co. must have had them broken.

Wants to Go With Spain Medical Unit

By a Worker Correspondent
MALAGA, Spain — County — Could you please give me information about the medical unit which is being sent to Spain and let me know whether it would be possible for me to enlist to accompany it?

I am 24 years of age, B. A. University of Dubuque, M. A. Ohio State University, including 23 quarter hours graduate work in clinical and abnormal psychology. I spent a period of several months as an attendant in Phipps Psychiatric Clinic, Johns Hopkins Hospital in Baltimore.

Would Be Valuable
My main field of interest in the work of the medical unit would be in connection with the cases of shell shock and neurological injuries. I realize that my training is in large measure academic to be of much medical value, but in conjunction with my experience at Johns Hopkins in practical nursing activities it is possible that I might fit in somewhere.

I can provide references as soon as I get home to the Bay area, should they be desired.

(NOTE: Address all communications on the medical unit to Dr. Leo Eloesser, 490 Post street, San Francisco.)

United Youth Club Is Active in L. A.

By a Worker Correspondent
LOS ANGELES — I am a young woman with a two weeks old baby, and am working in the United Youth Club (an affiliate of the YCL) which includes kids in the Lincoln Heights section of Los Angeles. It is the Italian section of town. The General Hospital is located in this area.

My husband is a WPA worker and secretary of the UYC. Some of our club members are members of AFL trade unions and they also include some students at Lincoln High School. There was a small American Student Union group at Lincoln last year, but it petered out. The group will be revived soon.

CHARTER JERKED
AKRON — Unable to force ouster of Wilmer Tate, militant president, on a charge of admitted friendliness to the CIO, AFL Representative H. A. Bradley jerked the charter of the Summit County Central Labor Union here.

Liberty's Torch Signals Constitution Week



WHEN the nation celebrated the 150th anniversary of the signing of the articles of the constitution recently, smoke and fire poured from the torch of the Statute of Liberty in New York Harbor.

HAGGERTY'S LOCAL RAPS GOON SQUADS

L.A. Lathers Take Stand; AFL State President Not Present

LOS ANGELES — What rank and file building trades workers think about Dave Beck's "goons" was shown by a resolution adopted by Lathers' Local 42 of Los Angeles, an AFL union, on Friday, October 1.

Neil Haggerty, president of the State Federation of Labor, is a member of Local 42 but was not present at the meeting.

The resolution was:

Whereas: Numerous reports have appeared in the daily press about attacks on union men by so-called goon squads, and

Whereas: Such violence does great harm to the labor movement and creates much unfavorable publicity, and

Whereas: The general public is all too apt to confuse such goon squads with honest rank and file unionists

Now therefore be it resolved: That Lathers' Union Local 42 goes on record against violence in the labor movement, and

Be it further resolved: That jurisdictional disputes should be resolved by vote of the workers involved, not by violence, and

Be it further resolved: That copies of this resolution be sent to the Central Labor Council, the AFL convention in Denver and to the press.

Re-employment Head Promising Low-Cost Labor

By a Cannery Worker
SANTA ROSA, Sonoma County — In Santa Rosa for the day-picked up these two juicy morsels and hope you find them interesting (both reports came to me through the most reliable sources).

(1) Mr. Thomas, head of the re-employment office in Santa Rosa, has announced that next year he will have concentration camps where WPA workers (outside as well as local) will be brought to work in the hop fields and the fruit orchards nearby. He promises plenty of help at attractive wages.

(2) Fred Cairns, "hero" of the tar and feather episode which took place in '35, is now collecting money for the Boy Scouts here. He is a man of considerable importance in certain circles. We all sincerely hope the money collected reach the Boy Scouts.

Worker Wins Fight For Compensation

By a Worker Correspondent
SAN FRANCISCO — One year fight between the British Columbia Sheet Metal & Stamping Co. and one of its employees for compensation for the loss of an arm has at last resulted in a \$5,000 settlement.

The employee in question is only 21 years of age and, as a result of this accident while on duty for the above mentioned company, is an invalid for life. Several attempts to obtain legal aid and advice from various lawyers netted him nothing, and he is sorry he did not seek an Intl. Labor Defense attorney at first.

Teamo Heads' Aide Has Bad Record

By a Worker Correspondent
SEBASTOPOL, Sonoma County — George O. Kennedy, Sebastopol rancher who signed the "plea" of the Associated Farmers which Teamster officials gave as the reason for their defeat in the San Francisco dock "embargo," has an unsavory record here in Sebastopol.

Said Kennedy was one of the main ring leaders in the Santa Rosa "tar and feather" episode of 1935.

Further, Kennedy's wife sat on the fake jury which tried the vigilantes in Santa Rosa at State Attorney General Webb's framed trial—an all-time low in legal scoundgery for this section.

COMMUNIST PARTY "AIN'T LEGAL" TO SAN JOSE POLICE

By a Worker Correspondent
SAN JOSE — When asked by the Communist Party County organizer and another comrade for a license to sell the Western Worker on the streets of San Jose, Chief of Police Black replied with an emphatic "No."

Questioned as to why he refused them a license, he reported:

Black Raves
"That paper ain't fit to sell. It's trying to tear down our Constitution."

The applicants pointed out that by refusing them a license he was violating the self-same constitution which he was so staunchly paying lip service to. The bellicose chief's attention was called to the fact that the Communist Party is a legal party in both the United States and in California and that the Western Worker was freely transported through the U. S. mail.

"It ain't a legal party in San Jose," roared the chief, while his face took on the color of a boiled lobster, and his fat jowls trembled with rage. "Just try and sell that paper and see what happens."

"How do you know that the Western Worker isn't fit to read?" the chief was asked.

"Because it ain't," was the illuminating answer.

Never Read "Western"
"Have you ever read the paper?"

"No," he replied.

"Then how do you know it ain't fit to read?"

"Because I glanced at a headline once," he replied, getting madder and madder.

"Then you should be a good judge of the fitness of things after such a thorough investigation," shot back one of the comrades.

San Jose Lynching Recalled
Chief Black admitted that he

thought the Hearst papers were all right, but could give no reason for such a definite opinion. Incidentally this is the up-right citizen who was chief of police of San Jose during the lynching, and who presided over the police department at the time some of our comrades were unconstitutionally run out of town and tarred and feathered.

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WORKERS' CORRESPONDENCE

Arrest of Salinas Company Union Stooge Exposes Vandeleur Set-up

No More Toasts to Rossi

By an Alaska Cannery
SAN FRANCISCO — Recently the writer attended a house party of Italian workers where so many toasts to Mayor Rossi were made that one worker got rather peeved and asked if he could say a few words about Angelo J. Rossi.

"Let's hear what you have to say," many voices shouted. "You have the floor."

"First of all," began the worker, "has Mr. Rossi given us anything? Do you think that your business was given you by Mr. Rossi?"

Living Taken Away
"Some of us here tonight made our fortunes bootlegging; so did Mr. Rossi. Yet those of us present here were honest. We didn't consider ourselves bootleggers, but workers—business men."

"We were engaged in selling wine before the damned prohibition law was installed, which made us outlaws, bootleggers—this prohibition law which took away our means of making a living. So some of us here refused to give in to this law, continued to sell wine, and became 'bootleggers.'"

Rossi Denied It
"We said it was our business that we had to sell wine because we had to make a living for our families; either that, or go into the agricultural fields and work for an average wage of 16¢ an hour! Or work in a factory for an average wage of \$11 per week."

"But we did not deny we were selling wine. But Mr. Rossi did, even though he was the 'big shot' of the San Francisco Liquor Dealers Assn., and the bootleggers and the Italian Swiss Colony Co."

"We know that Mr. Rossi was elected mayor because he appealed to his 'big shots' of the Sons of Italy, a fascist organization and to the Italian Swiss Colony. Members of these organizations came to San Francisco and established 'residence' in order to vote for Mr. Rossi."

No More Toasts to Rossi
"His election rally campaign was composed of big shot bootleggers who paraded all over North Beach. We saw that!"

As soon as the worker got through with his speech many questions were asked, which he answered very convincingly. Thereafter there were no more toasts to Mr. Rossi.

Alaska Cannery Union Votes for ILD Affiliation

By an Alaska Cannery
SAN FRANCISCO — After hearing Elaine Beck, secretary of the Intl. Labor Defense, speak at a general membership meeting of the Alaska Cannery Workers Union, the membership voted unanimously to affiliate with that organization at one of their succeeding meetings.

The per capita tax will be 1 cent per month per member; for this the union will receive legal support and advice, also support on the picket line when and if necessary.

Prior to sailing for Alaska last spring, the membership of the union voted unanimously to accept George Anderson as the union's official lawyer. Mr. Anderson will assist with the 1938 workers agreement between the union and the packers.

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EUREKA LABOR BODY WON'T KICK OUT CIO DELEGATES

Instructs Secretary to Mail Charter to Vandeleur If Requested

By a Worker Correspondent
EUREKA — The Federated Trades and Labor Council here broke into open revolt from the dictatorship of the AFL officialdom in a recent rousing meeting when they refused to unseat CIO delegates by a 26 to 6 vote. The secretary was instructed to inform Mr. Vandeleur of the fact, and to further inform him that in case he should choose to want the Council charter, that Eureka would be very glad to wrap it up and mail it to whomever he should designate as the custodian of jerked charters.

It was pointed out that the last time that Mr. Vandeleur came to Eureka he presented a very large bill to the State Federation for meals, and the delegates, evidently fearing a possible food shortage from such buying, and further recognizing the fact that the State Federation did need their funds to hire goon squads, it was hoped that the letter would save everyone concerned time, expense, and bother.

Packed Hall
During the week of the State Federation Convention, the council had received a letter from the Carpenters' local stating they would withdraw from the council unless the CIO delegates were expelled. The letter was held over for one week until the delegates to the State Convention had returned. In the meantime the secretary was instructed to write to all local unions to have their delegates present for the very important business on hand.

At the time of the meeting the hall was packed with over 100 rank and file visitors. The delegates to the State Convention gave their report. An amazed and aroused council hurled questions after question at the delegates.

Aroused Council
"Was it true that violence was condoned at the convention?" The delegates replied, "It was not only condoned, it prevailed."

"Was it true that the NLRB was attacked as being Communist?" "Yes," replied the delegates.

"Was it true that Shelley, the president of the Frisco labor council, was attacked and that no investigation was made?" "Shelley was attacked, and other delegates as well, and Shelley was not even allowed to have the floor to tell what had happened or who was involved in the attack on him."

A motion was made to file the letter from the Carpenters' local, and it carried by an overwhelming majority. Progressive delegates then hit the floor and insisted that action be taken on the communication received from Vandeleur, stating his reasons for ousting the ILA from the State Federation.

For Unity
The few reactionaries refused to make any motion, so progressives made a motion to unseat the delegates from the CIO local. The CIO delegates insisted they would withdraw rather than have the Council lose its charter. Delegate after delegate hit the floor and went to bat for unity.

"Let's go down the line for unity regardless of what is taking place anywhere else," was the plea of all delegates.

Some 20 rank and file carpenters in the crowd cheered and clapped the progressive delegates along with the rest of the rank and file. It was pointed out that the ILA local had walked the front for six long weeks in 1935 for the striking Lumber Workers when no other local in Eureka was giving them any support.

For Labor's Benefit
The Brewery delegates informed the council that the \$25 prize money for the Labor Day tug of war between them and the ILA was being used to throw a feed for the members of the two groups, that the feed was going to be held in the Labor Temple, and that if there were any smart boys around who wanted to try and stop them, to go ahead. Dave Craig of the Textile Workers gave a splendid talk on the necessity of unity, and he explained that it was not for the benefit of the CIO unions that this unity should be maintained, but for the benefit of organized labor itself. He was cheered by AFL and CIO delegates alike.

The president then ordered the secretary to prepare a secret ballot so that the utmost democracy would decide the issue, and the final tabulation was 6 yes and 26 noes on the motion to unseat the CIO delegates. The action has the support of the great majority of members in Eureka, and the support of the townspeople

generally, who feel that members of organized labor are damned fools to fight among themselves.

"Beef Squad" Routed
A letter received from Crescent City, which has a CIO Industrial Council with CIO and AFL delegates attending, commending the council on their action. The Arcata Local of the Lumber and Sawmill Workers, AFL, has commended the council on their action.

An amusing prelude to the Council meeting occurred when Henry Tornwall appeared with six strange, large and beefy looking individuals. They stood around the hallway, while Henry, who is B-A for the local Teamsters, went into the room next to the Council meeting hall, and informed the Brewers who were assembled in special session, that they would have to vacate the room, because he was going to occupy it.

The president of the Brewers evidently didn't even hear Henry's command, because he called the meeting to order, and the sergeant-at-arms gently but firmly took Henry by the arm and escorted him to the door without so much as a "good night."

Not that anyone suspects that Henry would do such a thing, but it would have been possible for him and his strange looking comrades to have listened to the entire Council meeting from this particular room.

Rank and File Interest
Another strange thing is the sudden interest the husky rank and file ILA, Brewers, Common Laborers, Lumber Workers, and such like have developed in the council meetings of late. Everyone seems to think that it is a good idea to encourage their attendance as much as possible, because it brings the council and the rank and file closer together.

If Mr. Vandeleur could hear the way the rank and file in Eureka talk and brag about the unity in their labor movement, it would make him feel very bad indeed. It just goes to show what "labor leaders" have to contend with these days.

WESTERN WORKER GETTING RESULTS IN BUTTE COUNTY

Oroville Worker Pledges to Aid Drive for Daily

By a Worker Correspondent
OROVILLE, Butte County — I am sending \$1.25 to O. money order to pay for 50 copies of the Western Worker. No sooner had these papers been put out when results could be seen.

Reaction on a certain party came quick. These Tories will go backwards when they see that an exposure is being made about them. These Tories would like to come out in genuine Fascist style, but they are well aware that many democratic and peace-loving people live here. They fear the results which would be sure to come.

"Western" Gets Results
Many people here know that another crisis is coming. Even the old people are now talking in progressive terms.

This war going on in Europe and Asia is making people think in serious terms, and this is where the Communist literature plays its role. One good dose of the Western Worker can knock the hell right out of the capitalist press.

In "Western" Drive
Up to the present date we haven't made any collection for the Western Worker drive, but we will in the near future. We have challenged Chico; we aim to collect as much as \$25 and maybe more. We can do it here; Oroville will be a booster in the drive, for we comrades know that we must do our part in this urgent work.

We know that the Daily Western Worker will be the most handy weapon we can make in order to crush our Tory opponents and their press with them, and later on we are going to see that the circulation of our press expands. Already we have our prospective people picked out

who will help us do the job. I am sending a clipping from the Mercury Register. (The clipping deals with a boycott of Japanese goods voted by the general Welfare Club—Ed) These new organizations I never heard of before are now springing up

As the membership was composed almost exclusively of strike-breakers when Vandeleur chartered them in July, they were hardly familiar with the business of running a union.

A few weeks after they received the AFL charter, they held an all-day election in their office on Main street, the same office in which the shippers had their hiring hall before the federal injunction closed it.

Notorious Fink
The majority of the strike-breakers wanted Browning elected probably because he had not been in the district long enough to scab. Both the employers and Vandeleur wanted Markley, a notorious scab.

As there weren't many members who liked Markley, the Associated Farmers, 100 strong, came to town and joined the union to vote for Markley. After Markley was elected, they turned their backs on him and Markley refunded their initiation (\$3) by check.

Markley had been acting also as business agent and had a sum of \$50 due him. Markley in the meantime has been drawing a salary of \$175 per month and \$25 expenses.

"Industrial Harmony"
This situation has created a rift among the strike-breakers, consequently not many of them are paying dues.

On September 24 they gave a dance in the National Guard Armory. It was billed as the Industrial Harmony Ball, sponsored by the union and promoted by Harry Nolan, attorney for the "Citizens' Assn."

While promoting the affair, Markley promised Browning if he sold 50 tickets, he could keep the \$50 as payment for his wages. He sold the tickets and kept the \$50.

"Brothers"
After the dance, "Brother" Markley had "Brother" Browning arrested for keeping the \$50. "Brother" Browning is out on \$100 bail.

As the dance tickets didn't sell very well, they gave most of them away. It was a flop anyway.

This union which signed contracts with the employers has only 70 odd members who have their dues paid, although the workers working under this contract with no say in the negotiating, number approximately 3000.

CIO Laundry Union Strikers Still Out Solid in San Diego

By a Worker Correspondent
SAN DIEGO — A attitude of the members of the San Diego Laundry Owners Assn. in refusing to negotiate with striking members of the CIO United Laundry Workers was severely condemned in a resolution passed by the San Diego County Methodist Ministers Assn.

Twenty-seven workers—the entire inside force—walked out of the Pullman Laundry here nine weeks ago when their president, Jack Pusker, was dismissed for union activity.

Strike Still Solid
Although the union was less than six weeks old and most members had never been in a union before, not one striker has gone back to work in the two months of the strike.

Strike leaders must appear in court to defend themselves against a vicious anti-labor injunction being sought by attorneys for the Association.

Restrained from mass picketing, the strikers have contacted every customer of the laundry and, by explaining the cause of the strike, have succeeded in reducing the business of the laundry more than 65 per cent.

who will help us do the job. I am sending a clipping from the Mercury Register. (The clipping deals with a boycott of Japanese goods voted by the general Welfare Club—Ed) These new organizations I never heard of before are now springing up

A Special Page of Trade Union News, Developments and Features

Mike Casey's last words urged unity with Longshoremen (see "Point of Order")—Los Angeles Teamster official brags of beating delegates to State AFL Convention—Henry Ford locks out workers in plant at Richmond—Notes on CIO Intl. Woodworkers of America—Other labor news on regular news pages.

Green Drops to New Depths at AFL Meet

SPEECH DEMANDING WAR ON CIO IS LARDED BETWEEN TWO PRAYERS FOR PEACE

Notorious Carpenters' Union Czar Now Dictates Policy in Fight Against Pacific Coast Marine Unions

By WILLIAM F. DUNNE
(Special to the Western Worker)

DENVER—Between two prayers for peace by a Roman Catholic and a Protestant clergyman, President William Green opened the 57th annual convention of the American Federation of Labor with a speech calling for war on the CIO.

Probably the best oratorical effort of Green's career, it could have been made in no worse cause. The new depths to which Green has dropped was shown best by his choice of a union and of its president—the brotherhood of Carpenters and the notoriously corrupt and czaristic William Hutcheson—as an example of all that is best in the American Federation of Labor to whose defense, he said, the AFL must come with all its forces.

Green Threatens

Addressing himself directly to the leadership of the CIO without mentioning names, Green said:

"We will defeat you on the Pacific Coast no matter what the cost may be. We will establish the supremacy of the Brotherhood of Carpenters in its legal jurisdiction."

Extension of the civil war on the CIO to include the Intl. Typographical Union was indicated by Green's violent attack on President Howard of that union. This was ostensibly because his name is on the charter given by the CIO to the Intl. Woodworkers—some 75,000 loggers and sawmill workers whom Hutcheson had placed in Class B locals—one vote per local union instead of one vote per member—and ruled with an iron hand for years while using their per capita tax payments to uphold his rotten regime in the entire Brotherhood of Carpenters, fight industrial unionism and support Landon and Knox in the last election.

Hutcheson Dictates

The offensive of the Teamsters officials against the maritime unions on the Pacific Coast has been rolled back and Hutcheson grabbed the opportunity to exert more pressure inside the Executive Council. It is no longer Tobin and Dave Beck directing the Teamsters Union members as the flying wedge driving against the CIO. It is Hutcheson and his policies, sully the American labor movement for years, bringing it derision from its enemies, that are now the examples American workers are asked to follow.

Green in his opening speech announced himself as the errand boy of William Hutcheson and the Hutcheson autocracy, the control and direction of the Carpenters Union as something which the AFL membership must fight to the death to defend.

In his attempt to make a case against the CIO—and here it must be said that abuse, slander and vilification of Communists and the Communist Party delivered in the Pittsburgh convention of 1923 and in many subsequent conventions while efficiency unionism took the place of organization and struggle, were mild rebukes compared to the unbridled denunciation of the CIO and its leadership—President Green resorted to the use of utter falsehoods and unfounded and unprovable charges.

Green Lied

To put it briefly, President Green lied shamelessly to please Hutcheson and the enemies of the entire labor movement and to placate the supporters of Matthew Woll and other possible rivals.

Green stated categorically that the CIO "has devoted their efforts to raiding established unions." This is not true. He said that the CIO had been engaged in a drive to "capture funds" of existing unions. This is not true. He said that the CIO "is not organizing the unorganized" and even the reports of the capitalist press on which he fawns gave him the lie direct.

Allied With Bosses

But far more disgusting and dangerous than any of these false charges and fulminations was his scarcely veiled announcement that many employers are willing to aid the Hutcheson-Green civil war program and his equally unambiguous invitation for others to join the anti-CIO front.

These are Green's own words in two points:

"Many former enemies are beginning to understand

the value of the economic philosophy of the AFL."

And:

"Public opinion is crystallizing against this group (the CIO-W.F.D.) and public opinion properly crystallized, will defeat them."

Exonerated Girdler

Take the two statements in connection with the section of the report of the Executive Council attacking the National Labor Relations Board, one paragraph of which presents a conclusion that exonerates Girdler and General Motors of all blame for death and disorder. According to the Executive Council, now dominated by the Hutcheson faction, it is the NLRB that is responsible for the murder of strikers in Chicago on Memorial Day and the reign of terror initiated by E. T. Weir of National Steel.

The Executive Council says: "If the Board at the outset of the automobile strikes and disorders last winter had investigated and certified representatives for the purpose of collective bargaining in the automobile plants involved it could have averted that long and costly struggle. Then, too, by accepting charges against the independent steel companies it laid itself wide open to the charge of partisanship in that, while it had the power to do so, it did not investigate the real cause of the struggle, namely the question of representation which the steel unions asserted was the issue! In these two instances, it gave the public good grounds for the belief that it was decidedly pro-CIO."

Overtures to Employers

One can hardly ask more open overtures by labor leaders to employers for cooperation against industrial unions than the above three statements of President Green and his colleagues. To any one not totally devoid of intelligence there is no doubt that Green and the Executive Council in these statements have admitted the charges made by John L. Lewis—that Green tried to disrupt the automobile negotiations with General Motors conducted by the CIO and the Automobile Workers Union and prevent a successful outcome of the strike.

Condemning the sitdown strike once more, Green blamed the Italian workers for the rise of fascism because they had occupied factories. He warned against the war danger arising in the Far East and advocates a boycott against aggressor nations, but never once did he mention Spain in connection with the dangers of fascism, or Mussolini's bloody role in the fascist war against the People's Government of Spain.

Green Sickening

The entire program of civil war on the CIO and its industrial unions called for by Green, was dressed up so lavishly in democratic costume that it became sickening at times. At least four-fifths of the speech was made up of such phrases—and their continual repetition—as "most representative body" in describing the AFL convention, "democracy in action," "preservation of democracy," "never surrender to minority," "clear cut issue of democratic procedure and control," "fairly and honestly defeated," "honestly and above board," "will of majority," "issue of democracy wipes out all other issues," "democratic orderly fashion," etc.

Destructive Intent

But the destructive intent of the speech could not be mistaken. The fight against the CIO overshadows everything else. Little if anything was said by President Green about plans to organize the unorganized. But to the AFL war on the CIO, he said the AFL would be "changed into the greatest fighting machine ever created."

Not to fight monopoly capital and its gigantic industrial organizations in behalf of the working class, remember, but for an assault all along the line, with "former enemies" and

Point of Order

A Trade Union Column

By JOHN BROMAN

"WHATEVER happens, I want you to remember that the boys down on the waterfront, the longshoremen, are fighting for the same things you're fighting for. Stand together with them and don't ever let anyone split you apart."

Every member of San Francisco Teamsters Local 85 remembers these words, even though the quotation is not exact. They were spoken by Mike Casey, long the leader in Local 85, at the last union meeting he attended before he died.

At the first meeting of Local 85 after McLaughlin and Casey called off the blockade against the Intl. Longshoremen's & Warehousemen's Union to "save the farmers' crops," Joe Casey, son of old Mike, got up to "justify" the blockade against the longshoremen and its cancellation at the behest of the Associated Farmers.

In order to get his point over, Casey pointed toward the heavens and melodramatically said he could feel the spirit of his father approving this program.

This I am informed by a rank and file teamster, is an old stand-by trick of Joe Casey and—plus red baiting and "goons"—is one of his most important stocks in trade in maintaining his position in the union. Every time he gets put on the spot, Joe suddenly gets inspiration, authorization and approval by remote control from his father in heaven.

Best Advice

Old Mike Casey had little regard for democracy in his union, and on at least one historic occasion—the 1934 General Strike—was overwhelmingly repudiated by the Teamster membership.

But the words quoted at the top of this column, spoken some time after 1934, constitute the best service and advice Mike Casey ever gave the truckers of San Francisco.

Every rank and file teamster should remember these words, particularly when Joe Casey tries to put over his splitting program with the purported authorization of his dead father.

Local 85 members are more and more becoming aware of the boss-controlled tactics of their officials. McLaughlin, Casey, Conboy & Co. and their higher-ups, Dave Beck and Dan Tobin, in fact, it looks like a fire is now being kindled by the membership which will soon burn brightly under these labor-splitting gentry.

Negro Unionists to Confer in S. F.

SAN FRANCISCO—Negro trade unionists in San Francisco are called to a conference to be held here Sunday, October 10, 2 p.m., in the Inland Boatmen's Hall, Ferry Bldg., to take up a two-point program, as follows:

1. Organization of Negro workers with their white fellow workers into democratically controlled unions.
2. The right of Negroes to jobs at decent living wages and the right to join all trade unions on an equal basis; the right to equal wages and equal labor conditions with other workers.

The conference call was signed by 12 prominent Negro trade unionists in the Bay area.

Studios Lose First Bout With Writers

LOS ANGELES—With a million dollars worth of gold-studded attorneys for the major movie studios opposing the Screen Writers' Guild petition for a collective bargaining election, Trial Examiner William R. Ringer settled down for hearings that may last weeks.

Initial demands by representatives from the studios and "Screen Playwrights Inc." to dismiss the case on grounds the industry is not engaged in interstate commerce, were overruled. "Screen Playwrights" then moved that only film writers employed at the present time should be considered. This was also overruled.

"crystallized public opinion," i.e. the labor-hating press. The rest of the convention will be devoted to the strategy and tactics of this boss-backed war.

Demand Wage Increases



SIX MEMBERS of the CIO Transport Workers' Union who met recently with Brooklyn, Manhattan Transit system officials, demanded higher wages and a signed contract, were refused and immediately voted a strike. Mayor LaGuardia however appointed a mediation board to investigate and the strike was postponed. Left to right, they are: John Santos, business representative; Austin Hogan, general secretary; Edward Pollak, organizer; Douglas I. McMahon, business agent; Joseph Fody, organizer, and President Michael J. Quill.

TEAMSTER OFFICIAL BOASTS BEING GOON AT STATE AFL MEET

H. Waterbury Tells Union He Beat Delegate

LOS ANGELES—"I am proud to say that I was one of those who helped beat up those convention delegates known as Communists!"

H. Waterbury, official of the Los Angeles Teamsters' Union, boasted before the membership of the union recently, on his activities at the Long Beach convention of the State Federation of Labor.

Protest Union-Busting

Like teamsters in Oakland and in other cities, the Los Angeles truckers are protesting against the union-smashing activities of their top leaders.

Waterbury's pay was boosted from \$65 to \$95 per week at a recent meeting of the union. The raise was voted by a slim margin of votes, however, showing that he is losing his influence over the membership.

A group of teamsters have issued a rank and file bulletin, voicing the discontent now rife in the organization. The bulletin is called "The Gear Jammer."

Misuse Funds

A recent issue states: "They (Teamsters Local 208 officials) have been mis-using our funds to fight the AFL's battles with the CIO, instead of getting us a decent wage scale and working conditions from chiseling employers."

"Beck's (Pacific Coast Teamster czar) statement that the teamsters would support the AFL longshoremen in San Pedro is an example of this. At a meeting called . . . in San Pedro, out of 3000 longshoremen only 10 showed up. Our good money was spent to take two busloads of rank and file members to San Pedro, supposedly to 'protect' a meeting of teamsters, but actually to aid the AFL form a dual union among the longshoremen."

NEW MEXICO AFL BARS OIL UNION

ALBUQUERQUE, N. M.—Intl. Oil Workers Union delegates from the Hobbs oil fields, were denied seats at the recent convention of the New Mexico State Federation of Labor, on the grounds they were affiliated with the CIO.

AFL Officials Run Scabs in Cement Co.

CONCORD, Contra Costa County—Closed by a lockout against the CIO Intl. Union of Mine, Mill & Smelter Workers last July, the Cowell Cement Co. reopened here last Friday with a crew of 225 scabs recruited by AFL State Federation of Labor representatives.

The CIO union had a 95 per cent representation, and its charges against the company are now before a National Labor Relations Board hearing here.

WORKERS' FIGHT

CLEVELAND—Denied citizenship last May because of membership in the Intl. Workers Order, Domink Stevko and Paul Hanus Jr. are continuing their fight in an appeal.

Business Agent Bob Says

DON BLACKWELL writes about a reported incident in Hollywood. The production head of a major studio called Bob Montgomery, Screen Actors Guild president, and requested expulsion of an actor for refusing a role. Montgomery stated the actor would be given a hearing and that the studio would have to abide by the arbitration board decision.

Later Wm. Bioff, Intl. Alliance of Theatrical Stage Employees representative, and Montgomery were conferring with the same studio head, who remarked that the Actors Guild was not being run to his liking. Turning to Bioff, he asked: "Bill, when I want someone fired, how long does it take?"

"As long as it takes me to pick up the phone," replied Bioff. Turning to Montgomery, he explained: "Now, there's a real union for you!"

San Diego Tailors Win 2-Day Strike

SAN DIEGO—Tailors Local 288, Amalgamated Clothing Workers, won all their demands after a two-day strike and is now back at work with a 20 per cent wage increase, time and a half for overtime and a guarantee of 26 hours work a week, with a closed shop.

Local 228 has been organized only a few months, but it showed strong organization by a 100 per cent walk-out when the strike call went out. Organizer Leibowitz of Los Angeles was sent down by the International to aid the local organization and had the employers' signature to a contract within two days.

Trial of "Douglas 23" Is Postponed

LOS ANGELES—Retrial of 23 Douglas Aircraft workers, members of the United Auto Workers, on frame-up charges grower out of the sitdown strike early in 1937, was postponed until October 14 because one of the defendants, Matthew Vidaver, is in the hospital suffering from injuries inflicted by a "goon squad" in the employ of local AFL officials.

CIO Cleaners & Dyers Organizers Seek 2000 New Members in L. A.

LOS ANGELES—Four organizers for the Cleaners & Dyers Union, Amalgamated Clothing Workers (CIO) have entered the Los Angeles field determined to organize the 2000 workers in the local industry.

CIO leaders said there was no other union in existence in the industry. The workers are employed in 18 retail and 95 carbon tetrachloride cleaning plants.

Guild Accuses 'World's Greatest Newspaper' for Wagner Act Violations

CHICAGO—The Chicago Tribune "interfered with, restrained and coerced its employees . . . in the exercise of their right to self-organization," charged the American Newspaper Guild in filing charges against the newspaper with the National Labor Relations Board.

CIO WOODWORKERS MAKE RAPID GAINS THROUGHOUT U. S.

Southwest Timber Workers May Soon Be Organized

FAIRMOUNT, W. Va.—The United Mine Workers of America, District No. 31, has assigned a representative to make a general survey of the timber workers' situation near here in order to start organizing 5000 lumber workers for the Intl. Woodworkers of America.

PHOENIX, Arizona—Organizing Arizona agricultural workers for the CIO, Elmer Kope has written Seattle international headquarters of the IWA asking how he can help bring the 4000 timber workers of Arizona and New Mexico into the CIO.

Dumps Ball and Chain PORT GAMBLE, Wash.—The Port Gamble Lumber & Sawmill Workers Local has received a telegram of greetings from IWA President Harold Pritchett, for their action in shaking loose from the ball and chain of the Carpenters' Hutcheson machine. This important local is now IWA Local.

TACOMA, Wash.—The new Northern Washington District Council, IWA has opened up headquarters at 113 South 13th St. here. The District, formed at a recent convention here, already has the majority of the Puget Sound woodworking locals in it.

Strike Solid

COQUILLE, Ore.—On strike against dismissal of union members, the Coquille IWA is solid in daily picketing of the Smith Wood Products plant. The striking plywood workers at St. Johns, Oregon, have themselves sent a \$50 donation to the Coquille strikers.

Vandeleur Perfects His Company Union

SAN FRANCISCO—A handful of picked stooges, some of whom were foremen, gave State Federation of Labor Secretary Vandeleur their "okay" for a 1 cent per month per capita tax in the AFL-chartered company unions in canneries, at a meeting here last Sunday. The per capita is to go for organizing more company unions in agriculture and canneries throughout the state. The company union set-up, which was foisted on 60,000 Northern California cannery workers by Vandeleur, elected officers headed by Charles W. Real. Teamsters Union czar in Oakland as chairman of the "California State Council of Cannery Workers."

Chinese Clerks Gain Union Rate

SAN FRANCISCO—Thirty Chinese workers, members of the Retail Department Store Employees Union Local 1100, are working under union conditions at the National Dollar Stores, Ltd., announced President Stanley Scott of the union. The agreement signed last week provided a five and a half day week and \$21 minimum for clerks.

Write-in What You Think to The "Western" Editor!

Foc'sle and Dock

By BILL SMITH

IT WAS an ill wind the Teamster officials fanned up when they deliberately precipitated the recent dock crisis. But the ill wind blew some good, at that.

The Maritime Federation came out of the struggle more united and with a clearer perspective of the forces at work in the labor movement today. The membership of the Marine Firemen's union took control of the organization again and stymied the AFL clique that has almost brought the Firemen to bankruptcy.

The membership of the Sailors' Union of the Pacific, against the wishes of the leadership, voted with the rest of the Federation not to recognize Czar Beck's phoney picket lines.

A few of Ryan's men in the Longshore union were given a lot of rope and they obligingly hung themselves behind the potted palms at the Clift Hotel.

Healthy Rank and File

THE rank and file of the Maritime Federation of the Pacific is extremely healthy, progressive and militant. Despite the befuddled and downright disruptive maneuverings of some of the union officials, the majority of the Federation leaders and membership kept feet on the ground and voted the only way they could vote—for unity against the attackers.

There was a sour note though. Incredible as it may seem, the Voice of the Federation gave aid and comfort to the Teamster officials. The aid and comfort was dished out under the cloak of a "middle-of-the-road" policy.

As if there could be any "middle-of-the-road" at a time when the very foundations of the Federation were being attacked by an outside agency, entirely foreign and absolutely opposed to the Federation and all that it stands for. This was a time when all the power of the Federation should have been turned against Beck and McLaughlin. The Voice could have been a major instrument for the warring of that power.

That it wasn't is to the everlasting shame of those responsible for such a policy. You can't alibi or excuse a stab in the back.

Now National Unity

Now that all the shouting is over it's time to look to the future. And no matter where you go or how you look you run smack up against the CIO and national maritime unity.

Here too there is no "middle-of-the-road" policy. Either you are for national unity or you are against it. The CIO is clearing the way toward that national unity. The obstacles in the East already have been removed.

The forces of labor are split—through no action of labor but because a few AFL big shots are more interested in fat salaries than they are in the working class. It's too bad some of the elected leaders on the waterfront, knowing this, still lean toward the AFL dictators.

There is going to be a national maritime union conference in San Francisco in January. The CIO has made the calling of this conference possible. You couldn't ask much more of the CIO than this.

From now on it's up to the rank and file of the several waterfront unions to see to it that every maritime group on the Pacific Coast is represented at this conference.

M. M. & P. Trustee Kills Anti-CIO Lies By Hearst

San Francisco.

Editor, Western Worker.

Dear Sir:

An article appeared in the San Francisco Examiner for September 23 stating that the West Coast Local No. 90, National Organization of Masters, Mates & Pilots of America, had voted seven to one against affiliation with the CIO.

The authority for this statement, the Examiner stated, came from C. F. May, president of Local No. 90.

This statement, wherever it came from, is 100 per cent false. Local No. 90 has never taken a vote on the question of affiliating with the CIO. However, numerous motions have been passed at various meetings during the last 16 months in which Local No. 90 went on record as endorsing and supporting the CIO.

The rest of the Examiner article is equally misleading. The referendum vote in question was to determine whether Local No. 90 would send delegates to the National CIO Maritime Conference being held in Chicago. To further clarify this referendum, I will point out that with a total membership of over 2300, there were approximately 600 votes tabulated. Less than one-third of the membership voted on the question.

I sent a letter to the S. F. Examiner requesting that this letter be given equal prominence

FORD LOCKS OUT MEN IN RICHMOND

AFL 'Union' Opens Office To Fight CIO United Auto Workers

By a Ford Worker RICHMOND, Contra Costa County.—We have a lockout on our hands at the Ford plant at Richmond. I'll just give the facts as I have them so far:

Every fall the Ford plant shuts down and a maintenance crew works for at least three weeks preparing the plant for the new model car. The Ford plant shut down this year the first week in September, but instead of putting the maintenance crew to work, laid everyone off except the regular bosses, service parts department and the office force; but with no maintenance crew at work.

Proof of Lockout The Fisher Body plant in East Oakland started up last week on the new Chevrolet body, the Chevrolet plant starts up this week, and Ford usually keeps pace with Chevrolet, but even if he puts the maintenance crew to work tomorrow, he couldn't get going on the new model for a month.

In the Ford unit of Local 76, CIO United Auto Workers, a letter was read from Long Beach plant union, stating that conditions were the same down there and cards are out for unemployed Ford slaves to sign stating they want to go back to work under no union, AFL or CIO, with the understanding that unless the majority of slaves sign, the plant won't start up.

AFL Company Union Now as to the Richmond plant: The American Auto Workers Union (wave the flag, boys) AFL has its office at 34 East 14th St., Oakland. The unemployed Ford slaves are getting cards mailed to them (where do the addresses come from?) inviting them to go to said office and get information, also telling of meetings.

A worker dropped in and asked a few questions. They stalled quite a bit at some of the questions, but stated that the Ford plant would never start up under a CIO union.

This worker asked if they were working with the company or for the company. They offer \$1500 a year and no labor trouble. They said they had a hard time getting a charter.

Working With Bennett Another CIO man was told the other day that this local (No. 1, AAWU) was in daily contact with Harry Bennett. (NOTE—Harry Bennett is Henry Ford's "service department" manager, head of America's largest body of private police.) I don't think the damned fools even know who Harry Bennett is.

Oh yes, I forgot: I hate to be small and mean, but the president of this phoney union is an ex-convict from San Quentin, a known stool-pigeon in the plant.

The secretary is a man I once worked with, and I can go on record from personal contact with the man that he is nuts, weak in the head, half-witted, screwy, or what have you? Of course, these men are to be pitied; they are just the tools and stooges, and naturally in a show-down the Ford Motor Co. will say that it has no knowledge of anything in the nature of an attempt to break the CIO union.

Eastbay Will See Spain War Posters

BERKELEY—The East Bay Chapter of the Medical Bureau to Aid Spanish Democracy will hold an exhibition of Spanish War Posters at the Theater Union, 2036 Addison St., Berkeley, on Oct. 7 and 8 from 1 to 5 and 8 to 10 p.m.

Along with the 60 large posters that have been shipped to this country, the exhibit will also include one of the four folios recently done by Pablo Picasso.

with their article, but the city editor refused to publish it.

Yours sincerely,

E. CRABTREE, Book No. 827, Trustee, West Coast Local No. 90, NOMM&P of A.